Fiue hundreth points of good husbandry vnited to (s many of good huswiferie, first deuised, a nowe lately augmented with diuerse ap=proued lessons concerning hopps & garde=ning, and other needeful matters, together with an abstract before euery moneth, con teining the whole effect of the sayd moneth with a table & a preface in the beginning both necessary to be reade, for the better vnderstanding of the booke.

Set forth by Thomas Tusser gen=telman, seruant to the honorable Lord Paget of Beu=delert.

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¶ Cum priuilegio.

R.T.

¶ A lesson how to conferre euery abstract with his moneth.

¶ In euery month, er in aught be begonne,
Read ouer that month, what auayles to be donne.
So neyther this trauell, shall seeme to be lost:
Nor thou to repent, of this trifeling cost.

The figure of abstract, and month do agree,
Which one to another, relations bee,
The lessons that after those figures do stand:
By points of themselues, to be taken in hand.

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To the Right honorable and my *ſpeciall good Lord and Maiſter*, the Lord Paget of Beuerſet.

Chap. 1.

MY Lord, your Father loued me
and you my Lord, haue proued me,
And both your loues haue moued me,
to wright as here is donne:
Synce God hath hence your father,
ſuch flowers as I gather,
I dedicate now rather,
to you my Lord his ſonne.

Your father was my founder,
till death became his wounder:
no ſubiect euer founder,
whom Prince auauncement gaue?
As God did here defend him,
and honour here did ſend him,
ſo will I here commend him,
as long as life I haue.

His neighbours then did bliſſe him,
his ſeruants now do miſſe him,
the poore would gladly kiſſe him,
aliue againe to bee:
But God hath wraught his pleaſure,
and bleſt him out of meaſure,
with heauen and earthly treaſure,
ſo good a God is hee,

His counſell had I vſed,
and Ceres art refuſed.

Ceres the goddeſſe of huſbandry.

I need

I need not thus haue mused,
nor droope as now I do:
But I must playe the farmer,
and yet no whit the warmer,
although I had his armer,
and other comfort to.

Aesops fable. The foxe doth make me minde him,
whose glory so did blinde him,
till taile cut of behinde him,
no fare could him content:
Euen so must I be prouing,
such glory I had in louing,
of things to plough behouing,
that make me now repent.

Loytrers I kept so many,
both Philip, hob and Cheany,
that that way nothing geany,
was thought to make me thriue:
Salust. Like Iugurth Prince of Numid,
my gold away consumid,
with losses so perfumid,
was neuer none aliue.

Great fines so nere did pare me,
great rent so much did skare me,
great charge so long did dare me:
that made me at length cry creak:
Much more of all such fleeses,
as oft I lost by peeces,
among such wiely geeses,
I list no lenger speake.

Though countrey helth long staied me,
yet lease expiering fraied me,
and (ictus sapit) praied me,
to seeke more steady staye:

New lessons then I noted,
and some of old I coted,
least some should thinke I doted,
by bringing naught away.

Though Pallas hath denied me,
her learned pen to guide me,
for that shee daily spide me,
with countrey how I stood:
yet Ceres so did boldme,
with her good lessons told me,
that rudenes cannot hold me,
from doing country good.

By practise and ill speeding,
these lessons had their breeding,
and not by heare say, or reeding,
as some abrode haue blowne:
who will not thus belieue me,
so much the more they greiue me,
because they grutch to geiue me,
that is of right myne owne.

At first for want of teaching,
at first for triefles breaching,
at first for ouer reaching,
and lacke of taking hid:
was cause that toile so tost me,
that practise so much cost me,
that rashnes so much lost me,
or hindred as it did.

Yet will I not dispaire,
through Gods good gift so faire,
through friendship, golde and prayer,
in countrey againe to dwell.
VVhere rent so shall not paine me,
but paine shall help to gaine me,
and gaine shall help maintaine me,
new lessons moo to tell.

Pallas
goddesse
of wisdo
& learnin

For

For Citie seemes a wringer,
the peny for to finger,
from such as there do linger,
or for their pleasure lye
Though countrey be more painefull,
and not so greedy gainefull,
yet is it not so vainefull,
in following fancies eye.

A b I haue no labour wanted,
to prune this tree I planted,
whose fruit to none is scanted,
in house nor yet in fyeld:
VVhich fruite to saye(who haste of)
though nere so much they taste of,
yet can they make no waste of,
such fruite this tree doth yeeld.

This tree or booke thus framed,
with tytle already named,
I trust goes forth vnblamed,
S in your good Lordships name:
As my good Lord I take you,
and neuer will forsake you,
so now I craue to make you,
defender of the same.

Your most humble seruant

Thomas Tusser.

The Authors epistle to the late Lord William Paget, wherin he doth discourse of his own bringing vp, and of the goodnes of the said Lord his Master vnto him, and the occasion of this his booke, thus set forth of his own long practise.

Cap. 2.

THOMAS TYme trieth the troth, in euery thing
How euer man, doth blase his minde,
Of workes, which best way profit bring,
Men rash to iudge, seeme often blinde.
As therefore trothe, in time shall craue,
So let this booke, iust fauour haue.

THOMAS TAke you my Lord, and Maister than,
Vnlesse mischance, mischanceth me:
Such homely gift, of me your man,
Since more in court, I may not be.
And let your praise, wonne heretofore,
Remaine abrode, for euermore.

MADE ME My seruing you, thus vnderstand,
And God his help, and yours withal,
Did cause good lucke, to make mine hand,
Erecting one, most like to fall.
My seruing you, I know it was,
Enforced this, to come to passe.

The Epistle.

Since being once, at Cambridge taught,
Of court ten years, I made assaye,
No musick then, was left vnsaught,
Such care I had, to serue that way.
when ioy gan slake, then made I chaunge.
Expulsed mirth, for musick strange.

My musick since, hath ben the plough,
Entangled with some care amonge,
The gayne not great, the payne enough,
Hath made me sing, another song,
which song, if well I may a vow,
I craue, it iudged by yow.

your seruant Thomas Tusser.

Chap. 3.

I Haue ben prayde
to shew mine ayde,
in taking payne,
not for the gayne,
but for good will
to shewe such skill
as shew I coulde:
That husbandrye
with huswiferye,
as Cock and hen
to countrey men,
all straungenes gone
mought ioyne in one
as louers should.

I trust both this,
perfourmed is,
and how that here,
it shall appere,
with iudgement right,
to thy delight,
is brought to passe:
That such as wiue
and faine would thriue,
be plainely taught,
how good from naught,
may trym be tryed,
and liuely spied,
as in a glasse.

VVhat should I wyn
by wrighting in,
my losses past
that ranne as fast,
as running streame
from reame to reame,
that flowes so swift:
For that I could
not get for gould,
to teache me how
as this doth yow,
through dayly gayne,
the way so playne,
to come by thrift.

VVhat is a grote
or twayne to note,
once in the life
for man or wife,
to saue a pounde
in house or ground
eache other weeke:
VVhat more for helth,
what more for welth,
what needeth lesse
runne Iack, help Besse,
to stay a mys
not hauing thys
farre of to seeke.

To the Reader.

I do not craue
moe thankes to haue,
then giuen to me
al ready be,
but this is all
to such as shall
peruse this booke:
That for my sake
they gently take
what ere they finde
against their minde,
when he or she
shall minded be
therin to looke.

And graunt me now
thou reader thow,
of termes to vse
such choyce to chuse,
as may delight
the countrey wight
and knowledge bring:
For such do prayse
the countrey phrayse,
the countrey actes,
the countrey factes,
the countrey toyes
before the ioyes
of any thing.

Nor looke thou here
that euery shere,
of euery verse
I thus reherse,
may profit take
or vantage make
by lessons such:
For here we see
things seuerall bee,
and there, no dyke
but champion lyke,
and sandye soyle
and clayey toyle
do differ much.

This being waide
be not afrayde,
to buy to proue
to reade with loue,
to follow some
and so to come
by practise trew:
My payne is past,
thou warning hast,
the'xperience myne,
the vantage thyne,
may giue the choyce
to cry or reioyce,
and thus adew.

Finis. *T. Tusser.*

Cap. 4.

WHat lookeſt thou herein to haue,
Fyne verſes thy fanſy to pleaſe?
Of many my betters that craue,
Looke nothing but rudenes in theaſe.

VVhat other thing lookeſt thou then?
Graue ſentences many to finde?
Such poets haue twenty and ten,
Yea thouſandes contenting the minde.

What looke ye, I pray you ſhew what?
Termes painted with rethorick fyne?
Good husbandry ſeeketh not that,
Nor iſt any meaning of myne.

What lookeſt thou, ſpeake at the laſt,
Good leſſons for thee and thy wyfe?
Then keepe them in memory faſt,
To helpe as a comfort to lyfe.

What looke ye for more in my booke?
Poyntes needefull and meete to be knowen?
Then daily be ſuer to looke,
To ſaue to be ſuer thine owne.

The commodities of Husbandry.

Chap. 5.

Let house haue to fill her,
Let land haue to till her.

No dwellers, what profiteth houses to stand,
what goodnes, vnoccupied bringeth the land.

No labor no bread,
No host we be dead.

No husbandry vsed, how soone shall we sterue,
housekeeping neglected, what comfort to serue.

Ill father no gift,
No knowledge no thrift.

The father an vnthrift, what hope to the sonne,
the ruler vnskilfull, how quickly vndonne.

Chap. 6.

As true as thy fayth,
this Riddle thus fayth.

The praise of husbandry.

If Seeme but a drudge, yet I passe any king,
to such as can vse me, great wealth I do bring.
Since Adam first liued, I neuer did die,
when Noe was a shipman, there also was I.
The earth is my storehouse, the sea my fyshponde,
what good is in eyther, by mee it is fonde,
What hath any lyfe, but I helpe to preserue,
what wight without me, but is ready to sterue.
In woodland, in Champion, City or towne,
if long I be absent, what falleth not downe.
If long I be present, what goodnes can want,
though things at my comming, were neuer so scant.
So many as loue mee, and vse me a right,
with treasure and pleasure, I richly acquite.
Great kings I do succour, else wrong it would go,
the king of all kings, hath appointed it so.

The

Chap. 7.

Of husband, doth husbandry challenge that name
of husbandry, husband doth likewise the same.
where huswife and huswifery, ioyneth with thease:
there wealth in abundance, is gotten with ease.

The name of a husband, what is it to saye,
of wife and the houshold, the band and the staye.
Some husbandly thriueth, that neuer had wife,
yet skarce a good husband, in goodnes of life.

The husband is hee, that to labor doth fall,
the labour of him, I do husbandry call.
If thrift by that labour, be any way caught:
then is it good husbandry, els is it naught.

So houshold and housholdry, I do define,
for folke and the goods, that in house be of thine.
House keeping to them, as a refuge is set,
which like as it is, so report it doth get.

Be house or the furniture, neuer so rude,
of husband and husbandry, (thus I conclude)
that huswife and huswiferie, if it be good,
must pleasure togither, as cosins in blood.

The ladder to thrift. Chap. 8.

TO take thy calling thankfully,
and shonne the path to beggery.

2 To grudge in youth no drudgery,
to come by knowledge perfectly.

3 To compt no trauell slauery,
that brings in peny sauerly.

4 To folow profit earnestly,
but medle not with pilfery.

5 To get by honest practisy,
and keepe thy gettings couertly.

6 To lash not out too lashingly,
for feare of pinching penury.

7 To get good plot to occupy,
and store and vse it husbandly.

8 To shew to landlord curtesy,
and keepe thy couenants orderly.

9 To holde that thine is lawfully,
for stoutnes or for flatery.

10 To wed good wife for company,
and liue in wedlock honestly.

11 To furnish house with housholdry,
and make prouision skilfully.

12 To ioyne to wyfe good fannely,
and none to keepe for brauery.

13 To suffer none liue idlely,
for feare of idle knauery.

14 To courage wife in huswifery,
and vse well doers gently.

15 To keepe no more but needefully,
and compt excesse vnsauery.

16 To raise betimes vp readely,
both snorting Hob and Margery.

17 To walke thy pastures vsually,
to spie ill neighbours suttletie.

18 To hate reuengement hastely,
for loesing loue and amitie.

19 To liue by neighbour neighbourly,
and shew him no discurtesie.

20 To answere straunger ciuely,
bnt shew him not thy secresie.

21 To vse no friend disceiptfully,
and offer no man villeny.

22 To learne how foe to pacifie,
but trust him not to trustely.

23 To kepe thy toutch substancially,
and in thy word vse constancy.

24 To make thy bands aduisedly,
and come not bond through suerty.

25 To hate to liue in infamy,
through craft and liuing naughtely.

26 To banish house of blasphemy,
least Crosses crosse vnluckely.

27 To stop mischance, through polecy,
for chauncing to vnhappely.

28 To beare thy crosses pacienfly,
for worldly things are slippery.

29 To traine thy child vp vertuously,
that vertue, vice may qualify.

30 To bridle wild ofes fantazie,
to spend thee naugh vnthriftely.

31 To pray to God continually,
to aid thee against thine enemy.

32 To spend the Sabboth holyly,
and helpe the poore in misery.

33 To liue in conscience quietly,
and kepe thy selfe from malady.

34 To ease thy sickness spedely,
er helpe be past recouery.

These be the steppes vnfainedly
to clime to thrift by husbandry.

¶ Thease steppes both reach,
and teach thee shall,
to come by thrift,
to shift with all.

e lesson.

Good husbaudly lessons worthy to bee
followed of such as will thriue. Chap 9.

GOD sendeth & giueth, both mouth and the meate,
and feedeth vs all, with his benefites great.
Serue willingly God, that so richly doth giue,
shew loue to thy neighbour, and lay for to liue.

2 True wedlocke is best, for auoyding of sinne,
the bed vndefiled, much honour doth winne.
Though loue be in chusing, farre better then gold,
let loue come with somwhat, the better to hold.

3 Where cooples agree not, is ranker and strife,
where such be together, is seldome good life.
Where cooples in wedlock, do louely agree:
there foison remayneth if wisedome there bee.

4 Who loketh to mary, must lay to kepe house,
for loue may not alway be playing with douse.
If children encrease, and no stay of thine owne,
what afterwards followes, is sone to be knowne.

5 Once charged with children, or likely to be,
giue ouer to sudgerne, that thinkest to thee. thee for, giue.
Least grutching of hostis, and crauing of nurse:
be costly and noysome to thee and thy purse.

6 Good husbands that loueth, good houses to kepe,
are oftentimes carefull, when others do sleepe.
To spend as they may, or to stop at the furst,
for running in daunger, or fere of the wurst.

7 So compt with thy coefers, when haruest is in,
which way for thy profit, to saue or to win.
of tone of them both, if a sauer we smell:
house keeping is godly, where euer we dwell.

8 Sonne, thinke not thy money, purse bottome to burn
but kepe it for profite, to serue thine owne turne.

A foole and his money, be ſoone at debate:
which after with ſorow, repents him to late.

9 Good bargaine a doing, make priuie but fewe,
in ſelling, refraine not abrode it to ſhewe.
In making make haſt, and away to thy pouch:
in ſelling no haſt, if ye dare it auouch.

10 Good landlord who findeth, is bleſſed of God,
a cumberſome landlord, is huſbandmans rod.
He noyeth, deſtroyeth, and all to this drift:
to ſtrip his poore tenant, of ferme and of thrift.

11 Once placed for profite, loke neuer for eaſe
except ye beware of, ſuch mychers as theaſe.
beggers Unthriftines, ſlouthfulnes, careleſſe and raſh,
that thruſteth thee headlong, to runne in the laſh.

12 Make money thy drudge, for to followe thy warke,
thriftes officers. make wiſedome controller, good order thy clarke.
Prouiſion Cater, and ſkill to bee cooke:
make ſteward of all, pen and inke and thy booke.

13 Make hunger thy ſauce, as a medecen for helth,
thriftes ſticks. make thyrſt to be butler, as phiſick for welth.
Make eye to be uſher, good vſage to haue:
make bolt to be porter, to kepe out a knaue.

14 Make huſbandrie dayly, abrode to prouide,
make huſwifery dayly, at home for to guide.
Make coefer faſt locked, thy treaſure to keepe:
make houſe to be ſure, the ſafer to ſleepe.

15 Make

15 Make bandog thy scoutwatch, to barke at a thiefe,
make curtage for life, to be capitaine chiefe.
Make trapdore thy bulwarke, make bell to begin:
make gunstone and arow, shew who is within.

16 The credite of master, to brothel his man,
and also of mistresse to minnekin Nan,
Be causers of opening, a number of gappes:
that letteth in mischiefe, and many mishaps.

Theeue to thrift.

17 Good husband he trudgeth, to bring in the gaines,
good huswife she drudgeth, refusing no paines,
Though husband at home, be to compt ye wot what,
yet huswife within, is as nedefull as that.

18 What helpeth in store, to haue neuer so much,
halfe lost by ill vsage, ill huswiues and such.
so, twentie lode bushes, cut downe at a clapp:
such heede may be taken, shall stoppe but a gapp.

19 A reacheleſſe ſeruant, a miſtreſſe that ſkowles,
a rauening maſtife, and hogges that eate fowles.
A giddy braine maſter, and ſtroy all his knaue:
brings ruelinge to ruine, and thrift to her graue.

6. noyance to thrift.

20 With some vppon Sundaies, their tables do reeke,
and halfe the weeke after, their dinners to seeke.
Not often exceading, but alway enough:
is husbandly fare, and the guise of the plough.

21 Eche day to be feasted, what husbandrie wurse,
eche day for to feast, is as ill for the purse.

Yet measurely feasting, with neighbors among:
shall make thee beloued, and liue the more long.

22 Things husbandly handsome, let workman cõtriue
but build not for glory, that thinkest to thriue.
Who fondly in doing consumeth his stocke:
in thend for his folly, doth get but a mocke.

23 Spend none but your owne, how soeuer ye spend,
for bribing and shifting, haue seldome good end.
Tithe duely and truely, with harty good will:
that God and his blessing, may dwell with thee still.

24 Be suertie seldome, (but neuer for much)
for feare of purse penylesse, hanging by such.
Or sharborow warning, as ill I beleue,
when (Sir I arest ye) gets hold of thy sleeue.

25 Vse (legem pone) to pay at thy daye
but vse not Oremus, for often delaye.
Yet (Presta quæsumus) out of a grate:
of all other collects, the lender doth hate.

26 Who liuing but lends, and be lent to they must,
else buying and selling, mought lye in the dust.
But shameless and craftie, that desperat are:
make many full honest, the worser to fare.

27 At sometime to borow, accounpt it no shame,
if iustly thou kepest, thy toutch for the same.
Who quick be to borrow, and slowe be to paye:
their credit is naught, go they neuer so gay.

28 Who

28 Who breaketh his credit, or cracketh it twise,
trust such with a suertie, if ye be wise.
Or if he be angry, for asking thy due:
once euen, to him afterward, lend not a new.

29 Accoupt it well sold, that is iustly well payde,
and coupt it well bought, that is neuer denayde.
But yet here is tone, here is tother doth best:
for buyer and seller, for quiet and rest.

30 Leaue Princes affaires vndeskanted on,
and tend to such doings as standes thee vppon.
In substance, although ye haue neuer so much,
delite not in parasites, harlots and such.

31 As Intrest or vsery, playeth the dreuel,
so, hilback and silbelly, byteth as euill.
Put dycing among them, and docking the dell:
and smell of a begger where euer ye dwell.

32 Once weekely remember, thy charges to cast,
once monthly see how, thy expenses may last.
If quarter declareth too much to be spent:
for feare of yll yere, take aduise of thy rent.

33 Who orderly entreth, his paiments in booke,
may orderly find them againe if he looke.
And he that entendeth, but once for to paye:
shall find this in doing, the quietest waye.

34 In dealing vprightly, this counsell I teache,
first recken, then write, or to purse ye do reache.

Then pay and dispatch him, as sone as ye can,
for lingring is hindrance to many a man.

35 Haue waightes I aduise thee, for siluer and gold,
for some bee in knauery, now a dayes bold.
And for to be suer, good money to pay:
receiue that is currant, as nere as ye may.

36 Delight not for pleasure, two houses to keepe,
least charge without measure, vpon thee do creepe,
And Jankin and Jenykin, cosen thee so:
to make thee repent it, or yere about go.

37 The stone that is rowling, can gether no mosse,
who often remoueth, is sure of losse.
The riche it compelleth, to pay for his pride,
the poore, it vndoeth on euery side.

38 The eye of the Master, enricheth the hutch,
the eye of the mistresse, auaileth as much.
Which eye, if it gouerne with reason and skill:
hath seruant and seruice, at pleasure and will.

39 Who seketh reuengment of euery wrong,
in quiet nor saftie, continueth long.
So he that of wilfulnes trieth the lawe:
shall striue for a corcombe, and thriue as a dawe.

40 To hunters and haukers, take heede what ye say,
mild answere with curtesie, driues them away.
so, where a mans better, will open a gapp:
resist not with rudenesse for feare of mishapp.

41 A man

41 A man in this world, for a churle that is knowne,
shall hardly in quiet, keepe that is his owne.
where lowly and such, as of curtesie smelles:
findes fauor and frien dship, where euer he dwelles.

42 Keepe truly thy Saboth the better to speede,
keepe seruant fro gadding, but when it is need.
keepe fyshday and fastingday, as they do fall:
what custome thou keepest, let others keepe all.

43 Pay weekely thy workman, his houshold to feede,
pay quarterly seruaunts, to buy as they neede.
geue garment to such, as deserue and no mo:
least thou and thy wife, without garment do go.

44 Beware rascabilia, slouthfull to wurke,
proloiners and filchers, that loueth to lurke.
away with such lubbers, so loth to take payne:
that roules in expenses, but neuer no gayne.

45 Good wife, and good children, are worthy to eate,
good seruant, good laborer, earneth their meat.
good friend and good neighbour, that fellowly gest:
with hartely welcome, should haue of the best.

46 The greatest preferment, that child we can geue,
is learning and nurture, to traine him to leue.
which who so it wanteth, though left as a squyer:
consumeth to nothing, as block in the fyer.

47 These lessons approued, if wisely ye note,
may saue and auantage ye, many a grote.

Which if ye can follow, occasion found:
then euery lesson, may saue thee a pound.

An habitation enforced aduisedly to

be followed better late then neuer: made vpon these wordes, sit downe Robin and rest thee. Chap. 10.

MI Friend if cause doth wrest thee,
(ere folly hath much oppresst thee)
Farre from acquaintance kest thee,
where countrey may digest thee:
Let wood and water request thee,
In good corne soyle to nest thee,
where pasture and meade may brest thee,
And helthsome ayre innest thee.
Though enuie shall detest thee,
Let that no whit molest thee,
Thanke God that so hath blest thee,
And sit downe Robin and rest thee.

¶ Septembers abstract. Cap. 11.

September blow soft,
Till fruite be in loft.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 GOod ferme now take,
Keepe still or forsake.

2 Plow, fence, and store,
Aught els before.

3 What helpes reuiue,
The thriuing to thriue,

4 By titts and such,
Few gaineth much.

5 Horse

5 Horse strong and light
some charges quight

Light hed and purse,
what lightnes wurse.

6 Who goes a borowing,
goes a sorowing.

Few lends but fooles,
their working tooles.

7 For stable and barne,
what furniture larne.

What more doth nede,
beare mayst thou rede.

Reade still downe lower,
till twentie and fower,

8 Take shipping or ride,
lent stuffe to prouide.

26 Let Habberden lye,
in peasestrawe drye.

27 Lay muck out of hand,
vpon Barley land.

28 Some gaine spie out,
by ryding about.

Marke now of yere,
what cheape, what dere.

29 Some skill doth well,
to buy and sell.

Of thiefe who buieth,
in daunger lyeth.

30 Commoditie knowne,

31 At first hand buy,
at third let lye.

32 Haue money preest,
to buy at the best.

33 Some cattel home bring,
for Michelmas spring.

By hawke and hound,
small profit is found.

34 Dispatche loke home,
to loytering mome.

Prouide or repent,
milch kow for lent.

35 Mow crone thy chepe,
fat those ye kepe.

Leaue milking old kow,
fat aged vp now.

36 Plow burne or mowe,
great stubble lowe.

Eate etche er ye plow,
with hog, chepe and kow.

Mowne hame a patche,
get home to thatch.

37 Where Barley did growe,
strike, wheat to sowe.

Yet better I thinke,
sowe pease after drinke.

38 Land sheaweth the plough,
enough is enough.

Septembers abstract.

Each diuers soyle,
hath diuers toyle.

39 Know plowing land,
let plow els stand.

Some countreys vse,
that some refuse.

40 Few after crop much,
but nodyes and such.

What croppers bee,
here loke and see.

Rye, Barly and Wheat
be croppers great.

Though Okes do sucke,
yet pease do mucke.

41 Still carlage is good,
for tymber and wood.

No longer delayes,
to mend the high wayes.

42 Home selwell set,
learne where to set.

43 In pyling of loggs,
make houell for hoggs.

44 Get home with ỹ brake
to brew with and bake.

To couer the shed,
drye ouer the hed.

To lye vnder mow,
to rot vnder Row.

45 Grene Rye haue some,
er Wighelmas come.

46 Graunt soyle her lust,
sow Rye in the dust.

Such sede ye sowe,
such reape or mowe.

47 See corne sowne in,
to thick nor to thin.

For want of sede,
lande bringeth wede.

48 Trench redge and forough,
that water may thorough.

With sling or bowe,
keepe corne fro Crowe.

49 Sell butter and cheese,
good fayres few lese.

At fayres buy,
home want to supply.

50 If hops loke browne,
go gather them downe.

But not in a deawe,
nor pidling with feawe.

51 Of hops this knack,
put in thy pack.

Hops had thy fyll,
go couer his hyll.

52 Take Hop to thy dole,
but breake not his pole.

53 Learne here thou straunger,
to frame hop manger.

54 Hop pole preserue,
agayne to serue.

Hop pole by and by,
lay safe vp and dry.

Least poles wer scant,
lay new to plant.

55 The Hops kell dryde,
will best abyde.

Hops dryde in loft,
aske tendance oft.

56 Hops dryed small cost,
ill kept halfe lost.

Hops sone be spilt,
take hede, if thou wilt.

57 Amend marsh wall,
Crab holes and all.

58 Geld Bulls and Rammes,
seaw ponds, mend dames.

Sell webster thy wull,
fruites gather, grapes pull.

For feare of drabbs,
go gather thy crabbs.

59 Pluck fruite to last,
when Michel is past.

60 Forget it not,
fruite brused will rot.

Light ladder and long,
doth tree least wrong,

Go gather with skill,
and gather that will.

61 Driue Hyue god cony,
for wer and hony.

No dryuing of hyue,
till yeres past fyue.

62 God dwelling giue Bee,
or hence goeth shee.

63 Put Boze into stye,
for Hallontyde nye.

64 With Boze god Sylle,
let naught be amylle.

65 Karle hemp left graene,
now pluck vp cleane.

Drowne hemp as ye neede,
once had out seede.

I pray thee god Kyt,
drowne hemp in pyt.

66 Of all the rest,
whight hemp is best.

Let skilfull be gotten.
least hemp proue rotten.

67 Set Strawberies wise,
I loue them for life.

68 Plant Resp and Rose,
and such as those.

Septembers abstract.

69 Go gather vp Mast.
er time be past.

Mast, fatts vp swine,
mast, kills vp kine.

70 Let hoggs be roung,
both old and young.

71 No mast vppon Oke.
no lenger vnyoke,

If hogg do crye,
giue eare and eye.

72 Hoggs haunting corne,
may not be borne,

73 Good neighbour thow,
good custome allowe.

No skaring with dog,
while mast is for hog.

74 Kepe safe thy fence,
skare breake hedge thence.

A drab and a knaue,
will proule to haue.

75 Marke wynd and moone,
at night and noone.

Some riggs the plow,
some milkes the kow.

Some pele some pitch,
some linnen stitch.

76 Red kur or blacke.
few proulers lacke.

77 Parke losse with griefe,
through prouling thiefe.

78 To sawe pit drawe,
bord log to sawe.

79 Let log be hayle,
least profit quayle.

Such borde and pale,
is ready sale.

80 Sawne slab let lye,
for stable and stye.

Sawe dust spred thicke,
makes alley tricke.

Mow as ye wish,
go seuer thy fith.

When friend shall come,
to be sure of some.

Thy ponds renew,
put Eeles in stew.

To liue till lent,
and then to be spent.

Set prime or prim,
set box like him.

Set herbes some more,
for wynter store.

Set gillyflowers all,
that growes on the wall.

Sowe seedes for the pot,
for flowers sowe not.

Chap. 12.

PRouide against Michelmas, bargeine to make,
for terme to giue ouer, to keepe or to take.
In doing of either, let witte beare a stroke:
for buying or selling, of pig in the poke.

2 Good ferme and well stored, good housing and dye,
good corne and good dairie, good market and nye.
Good shepard, good tylman, good Jacke and good Gill
make husband and huswife, their coffers to fill.

3 Let pasture be stored, and fenced about,
and tillage set forward, as nedeth without.
Before ye do open, your purse to begin:
with any thing doing, for fansy within.

4 No storing of pasture, with baggedly tyt,
with ragged, with aged, and euel athyt.
Let karren and barren, be shifted away,
for best is the best, whatsoeuer ye pay.

5 Horse, Oxen, plough, tumbrel, cart, waggen, & wayne
the lighter and stronger, the greater thy gayne.
The soyle and the seede, with the sheafe and the purse:
the lighter in substance, for profite the worse.

6 To borowe to day, and to morowe to misse,
for lender and borower, noyance it is.
Then haue of thine owne, without lending vnspilt:
or borow with sorow, as long as thou wilt.

¶ A Dygression to husbandly furniture.

Barne furniture.

7 Barne locked, gofeladder, short pitchfork and long
Flayle, strawfork and rake, with a fan that is strong.
Boing, cartnaue and bushel, peck, strike ready hand:
Broome, casting shouel, sack that is close with a band.

Stable furniture.

8 A stable well planked, with key and a lock,
walles strongly well lined, to beare of a knock.
A rack and a manger, good litter and haye:
sweete chaffe and some prouender euery daye.

9 A pitch fork, a dong fork, seeue, skep and a bin,
A broome and a paile, to put water therein.
A handbarowe, wheelebarowe, shouel and a spade:
a currey coombe, mainecoombe, and whip for a Jade.

10 A buttrice and pincers, a hammer and naile;
an Apern and sissers for hed and for taile.
Hole bridle and saddle, whyt leather and nall,
with coller and harneis, for thiller and all.

11 A pannell and wantey, packsaddle and ped,
a line to fetch litter, and halters for hed.
with crotchis and pinns, to hang trinkets there on:
and stable faste chayned, that nothing be gon.

Cart furniture.

12 Strong ereltred cart, that is clowted and shod,
cart, ladder & wimble, with percer and pod.
wheele ladder for harueſt, light pitchfork and tough:
shaue, whiplash well knotted, and cart rope enough.

A coome is half a quarter.

13 Ten sacks, where of ery one holdeth a coome,
A pulling hooke handsome, for bushes and broome.

Light

Light Tumbzel,a dong crone,foz easing ſir wagg:
ſholue,pickax and mattock,with bottle and bagg.

14 A Grinſtone,a whetſtone,a hatchet and bill, Huſban-
with hamer and Inglich naile,ſozted with ſkill. dzy tooles
A frower of Iron,foz cleauing of lath,
with roule foz a ſawpit,good huſbandzy hath.

15 A ſhozt ſaw,and long ſawe,to cut a too loggs,
an ax and a nads,to make troſſe,foz thy hoggs.
A Douer court betle,and wedges with ſtele:
ſtrong leauer to rayſe vp,the block fro the whele.

16 Two plowes and a plowchein.ii. culters.iiii.ſhares, Plonghe
with ground clouts,& ſide clouts,foz ſoile that ſo tares furniture.
with oxbowes and oxiokes,and other things moe:
foz oxteme and hozſetene,in plough foz to goe.

17 A plow betle,ploughſtaff,to furder the plough,
great clod to a ſunder that bzeaketh ſo rough.
A ſled foz a plough,and another foz blocks,
foz chimney in winter,to burne vp their docks.

18 Sedge collers foz plowhozſe,foz lightnes of neck,
good ſeede and good ſower,and alſo ſede peck.
Strong oxen and hozſes, well ſhod and well clad,
well meated and vſed,foz making thee ſad.

19 A barley rake toothed,with Iron and ſteele,
like paier of harrowes,and rowler doth weele.
A ſling foz a moether,a bowe foz a boye,
a whip foz a carter,is hoigh de la roye.

20 A bruſh ſythe, and graſſe ſyth, with riſle to ſtand,
a cradle for barley, with rubſtone and ſand.
Sharpe ſickle and weeding hooke, hayforke and rake,
a meake for the peaſe, and to ſwinge vp the brake.

21 Rakes alſo for barley, long toothed in hed,
and greater like toothed, for barley ſo ſhed.
with ſkuttle or ſkreiue, to rid ſoile fro the corne,
and ſharing ſheares ready, for ſheepe to be ſhorne.

22 Long ladder to hang all along by the wall,
to reach for a neede, to the top of the hall.
Beame, ſkales with the waigths, that are ſealed & true,
ſharp mowl ſpare with barbs, that the mowle do ſo rue.

23 Hog yokes, and a twicher, and rings for a hog,
with tar in a pot, for the byeting of dog.
A ſheepe marke, a tarre ketle, litle or mitch,
two pottles of tarre, to a pottle of pitch.

24 A forke and a hoke, to be tampring in clay,
a lath hamer, trowell, a hod, or a tray.
Strong fetters and ſhackles, with horſlock and pad,
ſtrong ſoles, and ſuch other things, meete to be had.

Here endeth huſbandly furniture.

25 When harueſt is ended, take ſhipping or ryde,
Ling, ſaltfiſh, and herring, for lent to prouide.
To buy at the firſt, as it commeth to rode,
ſhall pay for thy charges thou ſpendeſt abrode.

26 Chuſe ſkilfully ſaltfiſh, not burnt at the ſtone,
buy ſuch as is good, or els let it alone.

Get

Get home that is bought, and go stack it vp drye:
with pease straw betwene it, the safer to lye.

27 Er euer ye iourney, cause seruant with speede,
to compas thy barley land, where it is neede.
One acre well compassed, passeth some three,
thy barne shall at harueſt, declare it to thee.

28 This lesson is learned, by rieding about,
the prieses of vittell, the yere thorough out.
Both what to be selling, and what to refraine:
and what to be buying, to bring in againe.

29 Though buying and selling, doth wonderfull well,
to such as haue skill, how to buy and to sell.
Yet chopping and changing, I cannot commend:
with knaue and his marrow, for feare of ill end.

30 The rich in his bargening, needes not be tought,
of buyer and seller, full farre is he sought.
Yet herein consisteth, a parte of our text:
who buyeth at first hand, at second and next.

31 At first hand he buyeth, that payeth al downe,
at second, that hath not so much in the towne.
at third hand he buyeth, that buyeth of trust:
at his hand who buyeth, shall pay for his lust.

32 As oft as ye bargaine, for better or wurse,
to buy it the cheaper, haue chinks in thy purse.
Touch kept is commended, yet credit to keepe,
is pay and dispatch him, er euer ye sleepe.

33 Be mindfull abrode, of a Michelmas sprínge
For thereon dependeth a husbandly thing,
Though some haue a pleasure with hawk vpon hand
good husbands get treasure to purchas their land.

34 Thy market dispatched, turne home again round
least gaping for peny, thou loosest a pound,
prouide for thy wyfe, or else looke to be shent,
good milchkow for winter, another for lent.

35 In traueling homeward, buy xl. good crones,
and fat vp the bodies, of those sely bones,
Leaue milking and drie vp old mulley thy cowe,
the crooked and aged, to fatting put now.

36 Some plowith, some burneth, the wheat stubble (lowe,
some after their bareley, lay wheat for to sowe,
which euer thou mindest, now time it is best,
Or spare it for cattle, and so let it rest.

37 Some vseth the first yere, a fallow to make,
the next to sowe bareley, the better to take,
Next that to sowe pease, and the next to sowe wheat,
then fallow agayne, or to pasture for neate.

38 Two crops and a fallow, enricheth the plough,
though tone be of pease, it is land good enough,
One crop and a fallow, some soyle will abyde,
where if ye saye furder, lay proket a side.

39 In Essex, and Suffolke, such land I do know,
where excellent rie is, as any can grow.

In

In fyue yere get therof a crop and away,
if moze ye do take, ye were better to play.

40 Still crop vpon crop, many fermers do take
and reape little profit foz greedines sake,
Though wheat vpon barley, a cropper is found,
no cropper is pease, but a comfozt to ground.

41 Er winter preuenteth, while weather is good,
foz gutting of pasture, get home with thy wood:
And carry out grauell, to fyll vp a hole,
both tymber and furzen, the turfe and the cole.

42 Howse, charkole and sedge, chip & turf of the land, Well pla
pyle, tallwood and billet, stack all that hath band, cing of
Block rotes, pole and bough, set vpzight to the thetch, Fewell
the nerer, moze handsome in winter to fetch.

43 In stacking of bauen and pyling of loggs
make vnder thy bauen a houell foz hoggs,
And warmely enclose it, all sauing the mouth,
and that to stand open, and full to the south.

44 Get home with thy brakes, er an sommer be gon,
foz teddered cattle to sit there vpon,
To couer thy houell, to brew and to bake
to lye in the botom where mow ye do make.

45 Threshseede & to fanning, September doth crye Sowing
get plough to the field, and be sowing of rye, of Rye.
Go harrow the redgis er euer ye strike,
this point of good husbandry, Suffolk doth like.

46 Sow winter corne timely, to follow his lust,
sow wheat as ye may, and the rye in the dust.
Be carefull of seede, or els such as ye sow,
be suer at harueſt, to reape or to mowe.

47 Though beanes be in sowing, but skatered in,
yet wheat, rye and peason, I loue not to thin.
Sowe barley and dredge, with a plentifull hand:
least wede stead of seede, ouergroweth thy land.

48 Seede husbandly sown, water forow thy ground,
that raine when it commeth, may run away round.
Then stir about Michol, with arow and bowe,
a peny for killing, of euery Crowe.

49 At Bartilmewtide, or at Sturberedge faire,
buy that as is needfull, thy howse to repaire.
Then sell to thy profit, both butter and cheese,
who buyeth it sooner, the more he shall leese.

50 If Hops do looke browniſh, then are ye to slowe
if longer ye suffer, those hops for to growe.
Now, sooner ye gather, more profit is found,
if weather be faier, and deaw of a ground.

ps ga-
ng.

51 Not breake of, but cut of, from hop the hop string,
leaue growing a little, againe for to spring.
whose hill about pared, and therewith new clad,
shall nurrish more setts, against Marche to be had.

52 Hop hillock discharged, of euery let,
see then without breaking, eache pole ye out get.

which

which being vntangled, aboue in the tops:
go carry to such, as are plucking of hops.

53 Take soutwhich or hayer (that couers the kell)
set like to a manger, and fastoned well.
with pole vpon crotchis, as high as thy brest:
for sauing and riddance, is husbandry best.

Hopp ger.

54 Hops had, the hop poles, that are likely preserue,
from rotting and breaking, againe for to serue.
And plant ye with alders, or willows some piot,
where yerely as needeth, mo poles may be got.

55 Some skilfully dryeth, their hops on a kell,
and some on a soller, oft turning them well.
Kell dride will abide, foule wheather or faire,
where drying and lying, in loft do dispaire.

Hops ing.

56 Some close them vp drye, in a hoggshed or fatt,
yet canuas or sowtage, is better then that.
By drying and lying, they quickly be spilt,
thus much haue I shewed, do now as thou wilt.

Keepin hops.

57 Saint Michel doth bid thee, amend the marsh wall,
the breck and the crab hole, the forelande and all.
one noble in season, bestowed thereon,
may saue thee a hundred, er winter be gon.

58 Now geld with the gelder, the ram and the bull,
sew ponds, amend dãmes, and sell webster thy woull.
Out fruit go and gather, but not in the deaw,
with crab and the wall nut, for feare of a shreaw.

59 The

59 The Moone in the wane, gather fruit for to last
it ga- but winter fruite gather, when Mighel is past,
ing. Though michers that loue not to buy nor to craue
make some gather sooner, else few for to haue.

60 Fruit gatherd too timely, will taste of the wood,
will shrink and be bitter, and seldome proue good,
So fruit that is shaked, or beat of a tree:
with bruising in falling, soone fauty will bee.

61 Now burn vp the Bees, that yee mind for to driue,
at mydsomer dryue them, and saue them aliue.
Place hyue in good ayer, set southly and warme:
and take in due season, wax, honey and swarme.

62 Set hiue on a plank, not to low by the ground,
where herbe with the flowers, may compas it round,
And boordes to defend it, from north and north east:
from showers and rubbish, from vermin and beast.

63 At Mighelmas safely, go stye vp thy boze,
pa least straying abrode, ye do see him no moze.
n The sooner the better, for Hallontide nye:
and better hee brawneth, if harde he do lye.

64 Shift stye (for ill ayer) as best ye do thinck,
and twyse a day gyue him fresh vittell and drink.
and diligent Cysse, my dayry good wench:
make clenly his cabben, for measling and stench.

athering winter mpe. 65 Now pluck vp the hemp, and go beat out the seede,
and afterward water it, as ye see neede.

But

But not in the riuer, where cattle should drink,
for poisoning them, and the people with stink.

66 Hemp huswifely vsed, lokes clerely and bright,
and selleth it selfe, by the colour so whight.
Some vseth to water it, some do it not,
be skilfull in doing, for feare it do rot.

67 Wife into thy garden, and set me a plot,
with strawbery rootes of the best to be got,
such growing abrode among thornes in the wood
wel chosen and pyeked proue excellent good.

Setting of Strawberies and Roses, &c.

68 The Barbery, Respis and goosebery too,
looke now to be planted as others things doo.
The goosebery, respis and Roses all three:
with strawberies vnder them, trimly agree.

69 To gather some mast, it shall stand thee vpon,
with seruant and children, er mast be all gon.
Some left among bushes, shall pleasure thy swyne:
for feare of a mischiek, keepe acornes fro kyne.

Gathering of Mast.

70 For rooting of pasture ring hog ye had need,
which being well ringled, the better do feed.
Though yong with their elders, will lightly kepe best
yet spare not to ringle, both great and the rest.

71 Yoke neuer thy swyne, while the shacktime doth last
for diuers misfortunes, that happen to fast.
Or if ye do fansy, whole care of the hog:
gyue eye to ill neighbour, and eare to his dog.

71 Keepe hog I aduise the from medow and corne,
for out aloud crying, that ere he was borne.
Such lawles so haunting, both often and long:
if dog set him chanting, he doth thee no wrong.

73 Wher loue among neighbors, do beare any stroke
whiles shacktime endureth, men vse not to yoke.
Yet surely ringling, is needfull and good:
till frost do enuite them, to brakes in the wood.

74 Kepe safely and warely, thine vttermost fence,
with ope gap and breake hedge, do seldome dispence.
Such runabout prowlers, by night and by day,
see punished iustly, for prowling away.

75 At noone if it bloweth, at night if it shine,
out trudgeth hew makeshift, with hooke and with line.
Whiles Gillet his blouse, is a milking thy kow:
sir Hew, is a rigging, thy gate or the plow.

76 Such walk with a black, or a red little cur,
that open will quickly, if any thing stur.
then skwattith the master, or trudgeth away,
and after dog runneth, as fast as he may.

77 Some prouleth for fewell, and some away rig,
fat goose and the capon, duck, hen and the pig.
Some prouleth for acornes, to fat vp their swine:
for corne and for apples, and all that is thine.

78 Now sawe out thy timber, for boorde and for pale
to haue it vnshaken, and ready to sale.

Bestow it and stick it, and lay it arighte
to finde it in Marche, to be ready in plight.

79 Saue slab of thy tymber, for stable and stye,
for horse and for hog, the more clenly to lye.
Saue sawe dust, and brick dust and ashes so fine:
for alley to walke in, with neighbour of thine.

Octobers abstract.

Chap. 13.

October good blast,
To blow the hog mast.

Forgotten month past.
Do now at the last.

1 Lay dry vp and round,
for barley thy ground.

2 No late doth kill,
to sone is as ill.

3 Maides little and great,
pick clene sæde wheat.

Good ground doth craue,
choyce sæde to haue.

Flayles lustily twack,
least plough sæde lack.

4 Plie sowing a pace,
in euery place.

5 Soyle perfectly knowe,
er ediſh ye sowe.

Sæde first go fetch,
for eddish or etch

Whight wheat if ye please,
now sowe vpon pease.

Sowe first the best,
and then the rest.

Kæpe Crowes good sonne,
sæ furrowing donne.

6 Sowe Acornes to proue,
that timber do loue.

7 Sow Haestings now,
if ground it allow.

Wheat chaffe lay vp dry,
in safety to lye.

8 Learne sone to get,
a good quick set.

Make handsome a bin,
for chaffe to lye in.

9 For feare of ỹ wurst,
make fat away furst.

Séede threst thou shalt,
thresh barley for malt.

10 Fat that no more,
ye kæpe for store.

Cut bushes to hedge,
fence meadow and redge.

11 Hyde karen in graue,
lesse noyance to haue.

Stamp crabs that may,
for rotting away.

12 Hog measeled kyll,
for flemming that will.

Make vergis and perye,
sowe kirnell and berye.

Sys haue an eye,
to Boze in the stye.

Now gather vp fruite,
of euery suite.

13 Keepe slow vpon bow,
for slix of thy kow,

Marsh wall to slight,
strength now or god night.

14 With pease bolt and brake,
some brew and bake.

Where soyle is of sand,
quick set out of hand.

15 Old graine worth gold,
so kept as it shold.

To plots not full,
add bremble and hull.

By malt ill kept,
small profit is rept.

For set no bar,
while month hath an R.

¶ Friend ringle thy hog,
for feare of a dog.

Like note thou shalt,
for making of malt.

Rye straw vp stack,
least thatcher lack.

Brew now to last,
til winter be past.

Wheat straw dry saue,
for cattle to haue.

Chap. 14.

NOw lay vp thy barley land, drye as ye can,
when euer ye sowe it, so looke for it than.
Get alway aforehand, be neuer behind:
lea st winter preuenting, do alter thy mind:

2 Who layeth vp fallow, to soone or to wet,
with noyances many, doth barley beset.
For weed and the water, so soeketh and sucks:
that goodnes from eyther, it vtterly plucks.

3 Greene rye in September, when timely thou hast, Sow
October for weat sowing, calleth as fast. of wh
If weather will suffer, this councell I geue:
leaue sowing of wheat, before Hallomas eue.

4 Where wheat vpon edish, ye mind to bestow,
let that be the first, of the wheat ye do sow.
He seemeth to hart it, and comfort to bring:
that gyueth it comfort, of Michelmas spring.

5 Whight wheat vpon pease etch, is willing to grow,
though best vpon fallow, as many do know.
But where, how or when, ye entend to begin:
let euer the finest, be first sowen in.

6 Sow Acornes ye owners, that timber do loue, Sowi
sow haw and rye with them, the better to proue. of Ako
If cattle or Cunney, may enter to crop:
yong oke is in daunger, for loosing his top.

7 Who pescods delighteth, to haue with the furst,
if now ye do sowe them, I think it not wurst.
the greener thy yeason, and warmer the room:
moze lusty the layer, moze plenty they come.

8 Go plow vp oz delue vp, aduised with skill,
the bzedth of a redge, and in length as ye will.
where spedy quickset, foz a fence ye will dzawe:
to sowe in the seede, of the bzemble and hawe.

9 Thzough plenty of acoznes, the pozkling too fat,
not taken in season, may perish by that.
If ratling oz swelling, get once to the thzote,
thow loesist thy pozkling, a crowne to a grote.

10 What euer thing fat is, againe if it fall,
thou ventrest the thing, and the fatnes with all.
The fatter the better, to sell oz to kill,
but not to continue, make pzofe if ye will.

11 What euer thing dyeth, go bury oz burne.
foz tainting of ground, oz a wozser ill turne.
such pestilent smell, of a karrenly thing:
to cattle and people, great perill may bzing.

12 Thy measeled bacon hog, sow, oz thy boze,
shet vp foz to heale, foz infecting thy stoze.
Oz kill it foz bacon, oz sowce it to sell,
foz Flemming that loues it so deintely well.

13 Scith water, and plump therin plenty of sloes,
mix chawlk that is dzyed, in powder with thoes.

which

which so, if ye gyue, with the water and chalke:
thou makest the lax, fro thy kow away walke.

14 With strawisp, and pease bolt, with ferne & the bzake
for sparing of fewell, some brew and do bake.
and heateth their copper, for seething of graines,
good seruant rewarded, refuseth no paines.

Good breadcorn and drinkcorne full.xx.weeks kept,
is better then new, that at haruest is rept.
But foisty the breadcorn and bowd eaten malt,
for health or for profit, find noysom thou shalt.

Nouembers abstract.

Chap. 15.

Nouember take flayle,
Let ship no more sayle.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Let hog once fat,
lose nothing of that.

When mast is gon,
hog falleth anon.

Still fat by some,
till shrouetide come.

Now pork and sowse,
bares tack in house.

2 Lay flitches a salting,
put barley to malting.

Through folly too beastly,
much baken is reasty.

3 In casking prouide,
for séede lay aside.

Let husbandly man,
make cleane as he can.

4 Thresh barley thou shalt,
for chapman to malt.

Else thresh no more,
but for thy store.

5 No chaffe in binne,
makes horse loke thinne.

6 Make Martilmas bicke,
dere meate is a thicke.

7 Set garlike and pease,
Saint Edmond to please.

8 When

Nouembers abstract.

8 When raine takes place,
to threshing a pace.

9 Mad braine to rough,
marres all at plough.

With flaile and whips,
fat hen short skips.

10 Some threshing by task,
will steale and not ask.

Such thresher at night,
walkes seldom home light.

Some corne away lag,
in bottle and bag.

Some steale for a iest,
eggs out of the nest.

11 Lay stouer vp drye,
in order to lye.

Poore kow doth craue,
fresh straw to haue.

12 Make wekely vp flower,
though thresher do lower.

Lay grayne in lost,
and turne it soft.

13 For muck regard,
make clene foule yard.

Lay straw to rot,
in watry plot.

14 Hedlong vp plow,
for compas enow.

15 For herbes good store,
trenche garden more.

16 At midnight trye,
foule priuie to frye.

17 Rid chimney of soot,
from top to the foot.

18 In stable put now,
thy horses for plow.

19 Good horsekeeper will,
lay muck vpon hill.

¶ Get pole boye mine,
beate hawes to the swine.

Drive hogs to the wood,
brake rootes be good.

For mischief that falles,
loke well to marsh walles.

Drye layer get neat,
and serue them with meat.

Kurst cattle that murteth,
poore wenell some hurteth.

Good neighbour mine,
ring well thy swine.

Such winter may serue,
hog ringd, will sterue.

In frost keepe dog,
from hunting of hog.

Chap. 16.

AT hallontide, slaughter time entereth in,
And then doth the husbandmans, feasting begin.
From thence vnto shrouetyde, kill now & than some:
their offall for household, the better will come.

2 Thy dredg and thy bareley, go thresh out to malt,
let malster be cunning, else lose it thou shalt.
the encrease of a seame, is a bushell for store,
bad else is the bareley, or huswife much more.

3 Some vseth to winnew, some vseth to fan,
some vseth to cast it as cleane as they can,
for seede go and cast it, for malting not so:
but get out the cockle, and then let it go.

4 Thresh barely as yet, but as neede shall require,
fresh threshed for stouer, thy cattle desire.
And therfore that threshing, forbare as ye maye:
till candlemas coming, for sparing of haye.

5 Saue chaff of the bareley, of wheat and of rye,
from feathers and foistenes, where it doth lye.
Which mixed with corne, being sifted of dust:
go giue to thy cattle, when serue them ye must.

6 (For Easter) at Martilmas, hang vp a beife,
for stal fed and pease fed, play pickpurse the thiefe.
With that and the like, er an grasse beife come in,
thy folke shall looke cherely, when others looke thin.

7 Set garlike & beanes, at S. Edmond the king,
the moone in the wayne, theron hangeth a thing.
The encrease of a pottle (well proued of some)
shall pleasure thy household, er pescod time come.

8 When raine is a let, to thy doings abrode,
set threshers a threshing, to lay on good lode.
Thresh cleane, ye must byd thē, though lesser they yarne
and loking to thriue, haue an eye to thy barne.

9 Take heede to thy man, in his furie and heate,
with ploughstaffe & whipstock, for mayming thy neate.
To thresher for hurting, of kow with his flayle:
or making thy hen, to play tapple vp tayle.

10 Some pilfering thresher, will walke with a staffe,
will cary home corne, as it is in the chaffe.
And some in his bottle of leather so great:
will carie home dayly, both barley and wheat.

11 If houseroome will serue thee, lay stouer vp drie,
and euery sort, by it selfe for to lie.
Or stacke it for litter, if roome be to poore:
and thatch out the residue, noying thy doore.

12 Cause weekely thy thresher, to make vp his flower,
though slouthfull and pilferer, therat do lower.
Take tubb for a season, take sacke for a shift:
yet garnar for graine, is the better for thrift.

13 All maner of strawe, that is scattred in yard,
good husbandly husbands, haue dayly regard.

In

In pit full of water, the same to bestowe:
where lying to rot, thereof profit may growe.

14 Now plough vp thy hedlong, or delue it with spade
where otherwise profit, but little is made.
And cast it vp high, vppon hillocks to stand:
that winter may rot it, to compasse thy land.

15 If Garden require it, now trench it ye may,
one trench not a yard, from another go lay.
which being well filled, with mucke by & by:
go couer with mould, for a season to ly.

16 Foule priuies are now, to be clensed & fyde,
let night be appoynted, such baggage to hide.
which buryd in garden, in trenches a lowe,
shall make very many things, better to growe.

17 The chimney all sooty, would now be made cleene,
for feare of mischances, to oftentimes seene.
Old chimney & sooty, if fyer once take:
by burning and breaking, some mischiefe may make.

18 When plowing is ended, and pasture not great,
then stable thy horses, and tend them with meat.
Let season be drie, when ye take them to house:
for danger of nitts, or for feare of a louse.

19 Lay compasse vp handsomely, round on a hill,
to walke in thy yard, at thy pleasure & will.
More compas it maketh, & handsome the plot:
if housekeper dayly, forgetteth it not.

Decembers abstract.

Chap. 17.

O dirtie December
For Christmas remember

1 No season to hedge,
get betle and wedge.

Cleaue logs now all,
For kitchen and hall.

2 Dull working toles,
sone currage coles.

3 Leaue of title tattle,
and loke to thy cattle.

Serue yonge poze elues
alone by themselues.

4 Warme barth to neate
worth halfe their meate.

The elder that nurteth,
the yonger sone hurteth

5 House, kow that is olde
while winter doth holde

6 Put once in a daye,
to drinke and to playe.

7 Get trusty to serue,
least cattle do sterue.

And such as in deede,
may helpe at a neede.

8 Obserue this lawe
to serue out strawe.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last

9 In walking about,
good fork spie out.

10 At full & at change
spring tydes are strange.

If dout ye frays
Driue cattle alwaye.

11 Dank ling forgot,
will quickly rot.

12 Here learne and trye,
to turne it and drye:

13 Now stocks remoue,
that orchards loue.

14 Set stocke to growe,
to thick nor to lowe.

Set now as they come,
both chearry and plome.

15 Wind North north east,
bidds stock to ill feast.

16 At Christmas is good,
to let thy horse blod.

17 Marke here what rable,
of euils in stable.

18 Mire well (old gaffe)
horse corne with chaffe.

Let

Let Jacke nor Gill
ſetch corns at will.

Who ſetteth her graine
hath profit for paines.

19 Hide ſtrawberies wife
to ſaue their life.

Set willow and ſallow,
rid garden of mallowe.

20 Knot, border and all
Now couer ye ſhall.

Let boze life render,
ſe brawne ſod tender.

21 Yelpe bées ſweete conney
with lickour and honney.

For wife fruite buye
for Chriſtmas Pye.

Let Chriſtmas ſpye
yard cleane to lye.

Ill bread and ill drinke,
makes many ill thinke.

No labour no ſweat,
go labour for heat.

Both meate and coſt,
ill dreſſed is loſt.

Féede Doues, but kill not
if ſtroy them ye will not.

Who hath where withall,
may chéere when he ſhall.

Fat hog, er ye kill it,
or els ye do ſpill it.

But charged man
muſt chéere as he can.

Put Dre in ſtall,
er Dre do fall.

Decembers husbandrie.

Chap. 18.

1 When froſt will not ſuffer, to dike and to hedge,
then get thee a heate, with thy beetle and wedge.
Once hallomas come, and a fyer in hall,
ſuch ſyuers do well, for to lye by the wall.

2 Get grindstone and whetstone, for toole that is dull,
or often be letted and fret belly full.
A wheelebarow also, be suer to haue:
at hand of thy seruant, thy compas to saue.

ning
itle. 3 Giue cattle their fodder, in plot drie and warme,
and count them for inying, or other like harme.
Yong coltes with thy wennels, together go serue:
least lurched by others, they happen to sterue.

4 The rack is commended, for sauing of dong,
so set as the olde, cannot mischiefe the yong.
In tempest (the wind being northely or east)
warme barth vnder hedge, is a sucker to beast.

sing of 5 The housing of cattle, while winter doth holde,
e. is good for all such, as are feeble and olde.
It saueth much compas, and many a sleepe:
and trimly refresheth the walke of thy sheepe.

6 For charges so little, much quiet is wonne,
if strongly and handsomely, all thing be donne.
But vse to vntakle them, once in a day:
to rub and to lick them, to drinke and to play.

7 Get trustie to tend them, not lubberly squire,
that all the day long, hath his nose at the fier.
Nor trust vnto children, poore cattle to feede:
but such as be able, to helpe at a neede.

8 Serue rye straw out first, then wheat straw and pease
then Otestraw and barley, then hay if ye please,

But

But serue them with hay, while the straw stouer last:
then loue they no straw, they had rather to fast.

9 Yokes, forkes and such other, let bayly spie out,
and gather the same, as he walketh about.
and after at leasure, let this be his hier,
to beath them and trim them, at home by the fier.

10 As well at the full of the moone, as the chaunge,
sea rages in winter, be suddenly straunge.
then looke to thy marshes, if doubt be to fray:
for feare of (ne forte) haue cattle away.

11 Both saltfish and lingfish (if any ye haue,)
through shifting and drying, from rotting go saue.
Least winter with moistnes, do make it relent:
and put it in hazard, er ere it be spent.

12 Broome fagot is best, to drie haberden on,
lay boord vppon ladder, if fagots be gon.
For breaking (in turning) haue very good eye,
and blame not the wind, so the weather be drye.

13 Good fruit and good plentie, doth well in thy loft,
then make thee an orchard, and cherish it oft.
For plant or for stock, lay afore hand to cast:
but set or remoue it, er Christmas be past.

14 Set one fro other, full fortie foote wide,
to stand as he stoode, is a part of his pride.
More faier, more worthy, of cost to remoue,
more steady ye set it, more likely to proue.

15 To teach and vnteach, in a schole is vnmeete,
to do and vndo, to the purse is vnsweete.
Then orchard or hoppyard, so trimmed with cost,
should not thorough follie, be spoyled and lost.

16 Er Christmas be passed, let horse be let blood,
for many a purpose, it doth them much good.
The day of S. Stephan, old fathers did vse:
if that do mislike thee, some other day chuse.

17 Looke well to thy horses, in stable thou must,
that haye be not foistie, nor chaffe full of dust.
Nor stone in their prouender, fether nor clots:
nor fed with greene peason, for breeding of bots.

18 Some horsekeper, lasheth out prouender so,
Some Gyllian spendall, so often doth go,
For hogs meate and hens meate, for that and for this:
that corne loft is empted, er chapman hath his.

19 If frost do continue, take this for a lawe,
the strawberies looke, to bee couerd with strawe,
layd ouerly trim, vppon crotchis and bowes,
and after vncouered, as weather alowes.

20 The gilleflower also, the skilfull do knowe,
do looke to be couered, in frost and in snowe.
The knot and the border, and rosemarie gay,
do craue the like succour, for dyeing away.

21 Go looke to thy Bees, if the hiue be to light,
seeth water and honey, with rosemary dight,

Which

Which set in a dish, full of sticks in the hyue:
from famen and daunger ye saue them alyue.

A digression to hospitalitie.

Chap. 19.

LEaue husbandrie sleeping,
a while ye must do:
to learne of housekeeping,
a lesson or two.
What euer is sent thee
by trauell and paine:
a time there is lent thee
to rendr it againe.
Although ye defend it
vnspent for to bee:
another shall spend it
no thanke vnto thee.
How euer we clime
to accomplish the minde:
we haue but a time
thereof profit to finde.

A discription of time and
the yeare. Chap. 20.

OF God to thy doings, a time there is sent,
which endeth with time, that in doing is spent.
For time is it selfe, but a time for a time:
forgotten full soone, as the tune of a chime.

In spring time we reare, we do sowe and we plant,
in Sommer get vittels, least after we want.
In harvest, we cary in corne and the fruite:
in Winter, to spend, as we neede of eche suite.

The yeare I compare, as I find for a trueth,
the spring, vnto childhoide, the Sommer to youth.
The harvest to manhode, the winter to age:
all quickly forgot, as a Play on a stage.

Time past is forgotten, ere men be aware,
time present is thought on, with wonderfull care.
Time comming is feared, and therfore we saue:
yet oft ere it come, we be gone to the graue.

A discription of life and riches.

Chap. 21.

WHo liuing, but dayly discerne it he may,
how life as a shadow, doth vanish away.
And nothing to count on, so suer and iust:
as suer of death, and to turne into dust.

The landes and the riches, that here we possesse,
be none of our owne, if a God we professe.
But lent vs of him, as his talent of golde:
which being demaunded, who can it withholde.

God maketh no writing, that iustly doth say,
how long we shall haue it, a yere or a day.
But leaue it we must (howsoeuer we leeue:)
when Atrop shall pluck vs from hence by the sleeue.

To

To death we must stoupe, be we high, be we lowe,
but how, and how sodeinly, fewe be that knowe.
What cary we then, but a sheete to the graue:
to couer this carkas, of all that we haue.

A discription of housekeeping.

Chap. 22.

WHat then of this talent, while here we remaine,
but study to yelde it, to God with a gaine.
And that shall we do, if we do it not hyd:
but vse and bestowe it, as Christ doth vs byd.

What good to get ryches, by breaking of sleepe,
but (hauing the same) a good house for to keepe.
Not only to bring a good fame to thy doore:
but also the prayer to winne of the poore.

Of all other doings, house keping is chiefe,
for dayly it helpeth the poore with reliefe.
The neighbor, the straunger, and all that haue neede:
which causeth thy doings, the better to speede.

Though hearken to this, we should euer among,
yet chiefly at Christmas, of all the yere long.
Good cause of that vse, may appere by the name,
though niggerdly niggards, do kicke at the same.

A description of Christmas.

Chap. 23.

OF Christ commeth Christmas, the name to the feast,
a time full of ioy, to the greatest and least.

At Christmas was Christ (our sauiour) borne,
the world thorough sinne, altogether forlorne.

At Christmas the day, doth begin to take length,
of Christ our faith, doth begin to take strength.
As Christmas is onely, a figure or trope:
so onely in Christ, is the strength of our hope.

At Christmas we banket, the riche with the poore,
who then (but the miser) but openith his doore.
At Christmas of Christ, mady Carols we sing:
and giue many gifts, in the ioy of that king.

At Christmas in Christ, we reioyce and be glad,
as onely of whom, our comefort is had.
At Christmas we ioy, altogether with mirth:
for his sake that ioyed vs all with his birth.

A discription of apt time to spend.

Chap. 24.

LEt such (so fantasticall) liking not this,
nor any thing honest, that auncient is.
Giue place to the time, that so meete we do see:
appoynted of God, as it seemeth to bee.

At Christmas, good husbands haue corne on ỹ ground
in barne and in soller, worth many a pound.
Things plentie in house, (beside cattell and sheepe)
all sent them (no doubt on) good houses to keepe.

At Christmas, the hardnesse of winter doth rage,
a griefer of all things, and specially age.

Then

Then lightly poore people, the yong with the olde,
be ſoreſt oppreſſed, with hunger and colde.

At Chriſtmas, by labour is little to get,
that wanting the pooreſt in daunger are ſet.
What ſeaſon then better, of all the whole yere:
thy needy poore neighbour, to comfort and chere.

Againſt fantaſticall ſcrupleneſſe. Cha. 25.

AT this thing & that thing, ſome make a great matter
ſom helpe not, but hinder the poore with their clatter
Take cuſtome from feaſting, what commeth then laſt,
where one hath a dinner, a hundred ſhall faſt.

To dog in the maunger, ſome licken I could,
that hay will eate none, nor let other that would.
Some ſcarce in a yeare, giue a dinner or two,
nor well can abide, any other to do.

Play thou the good fellow, ſeeke none to miſdeeme,
diſdaine not the honeſt, though merry they ſeeme.
For often time ſeene, no more very a knaue:
than he that doth counterfait, moſt to be graue.

Chriſtmas husbandly fare. Chap. 26.

GOod husband and huſwife, now chiefly be glad,
things handſome to haue, as they ought to be bad.
They both do prouide, againſt Chriſtmas do coom,
to welcome their neighbor, good chere to haue ſoom.

Christmas countrey fare.

Good bread and good drinke, a good fier in the hall,
brawne, pudding and souse, and good mustard withall.

Biefe, mutton, and porke, shred pies of the best,
pig, veale, goose and capon, and Turkey well drest:
Chese, apples and nuttes, iolly Caroles to here,
as then, in the countrey, is counted good chere.

What cost to good husband, is any of this:
good household prouision, onely it is.
Of other the like, I do leaue out a meny:
that costeth the husbandman, neuer a peny.

A Christmas Carole of the birth of Christ,

vppon the tune of Kyng Salomon.
Chap. 27.

WAs not Christ our Sauiour,
sent vnto vs, frō God aboue,
not for our good behauiour:
but onely of his mercy and loue.
If this be true, as true it is,
truely in deede:
great thāks to god to yeeld for this
then had we neede.

2 This did our God for very troth,
to traine to him, the soule of man,
and iustly to performe his oth:
to Sara and to Abraham than,
that through his sede, al nations should,
most blessed bee:
As in due time, performd he would,
all flesh should see.

3 Which wonderously is brought to passe
and in our sight al ready donne,
By sending, as his promise was
(to comfort vs) his onely sonne,
euen Christ) I meane) that virgins childe,
in Bethelem borne:
that lambe of God, that Prophet milde,
with crowned thorne.

4 Such was his loue to saue vs all,
from daunger of the curse of God,
that we stoode in by Adams fall,
and by our owne deserued rod.
that through his blood and holy name,
to such as beleeues:
And flye from sinne, and abors the same,
free mercy he geues.

5 For these glad news, this feast doth bring
to God, the Sonne and holy ghost
let man giue thankes reioyce and sing,
from world to world, from coste to coste,
For all other giftes so many wayes,
that God doth send:
Let vs in Christ, giue God the praise,
while life shall end.

T. Tusser,

At Christmas be mery, and thankefull withall,
and feast thy poore neighbors, the great with the small,
yea all the yeare long, to the poore let vs giue:
Gods blessing to follow vs, whiles we do liue.

Chap. 28.

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Chap. 28.

A kindly good Ianuere,
Freeseth pot by the feere.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

1 Bid Christmas adew,
thy stock renew.

Who killeth a neate,
hath cheaper his meate.

Fat, home fed sowce,
is good in a howse.

3 Who dainties loue,
a begger shall proue.

Who all alwaye sells,
in hunger dwells.

4 Who nothing saue,
shall nothing haue.

5 Lay durt vppon heapes,
some profit it reapes.

When weather is hard,
get muck out a yard.

A fallow bestowe,
where pease shall growe.

6 Go gather quickset,
the yongest go get.

Dig garden, stroy mallow,
set willow and sallow.

Græne set as a stake,
in banke they will take.

7 Let Doe go to buck,
wish conney good luck.

Spare labor nor money,
store borough with cunney.

Get warriner bound,
to vermine thy ground.

Fede Doues, but kill not,
if lose them ye will not.

Doue house repaire,
make Doue hole faire.

For hop ground colde,
Doue dong worth golde.

8 Good gardiner mine,
make garden fine.

Set garden pease,
and beanes if ye please.

Set Kelpies & rose,
yong rootes of those.

9 The timely buyer,
hath cheaper his fyer.

10 Some burnes without wit,
some fierles sit.

11 Now

11 Now season is good,
to lop or fell wood.

Prune tree, some alowes,
for cattle to browes.

12 Geue sheepe to their fees,
the mystle of trees.

13 Let lop be shorne,
that hindreth corne.

Saue edder and stake,
strong hedge to make.

14 For sap as ye knowe,
let one bough grow.

Next yere ye may,
that bough cut awaye.

15 A lesson good,
to encrease more wood.

16 How euer ye skotch,
saue pole and crotch.

17 From Christmas to May,
weake cattle decay.

18 With vergis aquainte,
poore bullock so fainte.

This medcine approued,
is for to be loued.

19 Let plaister lye,
three dayes to trye.

To longe if ye stay,
taile rots away.

20 Calwes ready to yeane,
craues grownd rid cleane.

21 Keepe bushes from bill,
till hedge ye will.

22 No bushes of mine,
if fense be thine.

23 In stubbed plot,
fill hole with clot.

Take for thy turne,
their roots go burne.

24 Rid grasse of bones,
of stickes and stones.

25 Warme barth, giue lammes
good fode to their dammes.

Looke dayly well to them,
least doggs vndo them.

26 Yong lamb well solde,
fat lamb, worth golde.

27 Keepe twinnes for breede,
as calwes haue faede.

28 One calfe if it please ye,
now reared shall ease ye.

Calues likely rere,
at rieling of yere.

Calfe large and leane,
is best to weane.

39 Calfe lickt take away,
and howse if ye may.

This point I alow,
for seruant and kow.

30 Calues yonger then other,
learne one of another.

31 No danger at all,
to geld as they fall.

Yet Michell cryes,
please butchers eyes.

32 Sow ready to fare,
craues huswifes care.

33 Leaue sow but fiue,
the better to thryue.

34 Weane such for store,
as sucks before.

Weane onely but three,
large breeders to bee.

35 Lamb, bulchin, and pig,
geld vnder the byg.

36 Learne wit sir bolt,
in gelding of colt.

37 Geld yong thy fylly,
elfe perish will gynny.

Let gelding alone,
of large of bone.

By brethely titts,
fealw profit hitts.

38 Breede euer the best,
and do of the rest.

Of long and large,
take huswife a charge.

39 God milchkow and sound,
yeldes yerely a pound.

God faring sow,
holdes profit with kow.

40 Who kepes both twaine,
the more may gaine.

41 Thy garden twyfallow,
stroy hemblock and mallow.

42 Like practise they proue,
that hops to loue.

43 Now make and wandin,
trim bower to stand in.

Leaue wadling about,
till arbor be out.

44 Who now sowes otes,
gets gold and grotes.

Who sowes in Maye,
gets little that way.

45 Goe breake vp land,
get mattock in hand.

Stub rote so tough,
for breaking of plough.

46 What greater crime,
then losse of time.

47 Small profit is found,
by peeling of ground.

48 Land past the best,
cast vp to rest.

Get

¶ Get pulling hoke(firs)
for broome and firs.

Pluck broome, broome still,
Cut broome, broome kill.

Broome pluckt by and bye,
breake vp for rye.

Friend ringle thy hog,
or loke for a dog.

In casting prouide,
for sæde lay a side.

Get dong friend mine,
for stock and vine.

If earth be not soft,
Go dig it a loft.

For quamier get bootes,
stub alders and rootes.

Hop poles war skant,
for poles no plant.

Set chestnut and walnut,
set filberd and small nut.

Peach, plumtrée and chery,
yong baye and his bearye.

Or set there stone,
vnset leaue out none.

Sowe kirnels to beare,
of apple and peare.

All trées that beare gome,
set now as they come.

And set or remoue,
what fruite ye loue.

☞ Of trées and fruites to be set or remoued.

1 Apple trées of all sorts.
2 Apricockes.
3 Barberies.
4 Bollesse black and white.
5 Cherries, red and black
6 Chestnuts
7 Cornet plums
8 Damisens whit and black.
9 Filberds, red and white
10 Goose beries.
11 Grapes whit and red
12 Grene or gras plums
13 Hurtilberies
14 Heddlers or marles
15 Mulbery.
16 Peaches, whit and red.
17 Peares of all sortes
18 Peareplums, black & yelow.
19 Quince trees
20 Respis
21 Reisons
22 Small nutts
23 Strawberies red and whit.
24 Seruice trees
25 Wall nuts
26 Wardens, white and red.
27 Wheat plums

Now set ye may,
the box and baye.
haythorne and prim,
for clothes trim.

Chap. 29.

When Christmas is endid, bid feasting adue,
go play the good husband, thy stock to renewe.
be mindfull of rearing, in hope of a gaine:
dame profit shall gyue thee reward for thy paine.

2 Who, both by his calf and his lamb wil be knowne,
may well kill a neate, and a shepe of his owne.
and he that will reare vp, a pig in his howse:
hath cheaper his baken, and sweeter his sowse.

3 Who eateth his veale, pig and lamb being frothy,
shall twise in a weeke go to bed without brothy.
vnskilfull that pas not, but sell away sell:
shall neuer haue plenty, where euer they dwell.

4 Be gredy in spending, and careles to saue,
and shortly be nedy, and ready to craue.
be wilfull to kill, and vnskilfull to store,
and looke not for foyzen I tell thee before.

5 Lay dyzt vpon heapes, fayer varde to bee seene,
if frost will abyde it, to field with it cleene.
In winter a fallow, some loue to bestow,
where pease for the pot, they entend for to sow.

6 In making or mending, as nedith thy ditch,
get set to quick set it, learne cunningly which.
In hedging (where clay is) get stake as ye know,
of popeler and willow, for fewell to grow.

7 Leaue

7 Leaue killing of Cunney, let doe go to buck,
and vermine thy burrow, for feare of ill luck.
Fede Doue (no more killing) old doue house repaire,
saue doue doung for hoppyard, when house ye make faire

8 Dig garden, stroy mallow, now may ye at ease,
and set (as a daintie) thy runcifall pease.
Go cut and set roses, chuse aptly the plot,
the rootes of the yongest, are best to be got.

9 In tyme go and bargaine, least worser do fall,
for fewell, for making, for cariage and all. Tyme
to buy at the stub, is the best for the buyer: prouisi
more timely prouision, cheaper the fier.

10 Some burneth a lode at a tyme in his hall,
some neuer leaue burning, till burnt they haue all.
Some making of hauock, without any wit:
make many poore soules, without fier to sit.

11 If frost do continue, this lesson doth well,
for comfort of cattle, the fewell to fell. Prunin
From euery tree, the superfluous bowes: of trees
now prune for thy neate, therupon to go browes.

12 In pruning and trimming, all maner of trees,
reserue to eache cattle, their properly fees.
If snow do continue, shepe hardly that fare:
craue mistle and Iuye, for them for to spare.

13 Now lop for thy fewell, old pollenger growen,
that hinders the corne, or the grasse to be mowen.

In lopping and felling, saue edder and stake:
thine hedgis as needith, to mend or to make.

14 In lopping old Jocham, for feare of mishap,
one bough stay vnlopped, to cherish the sap.
the second yeare after, then boldly ye may:
for dripping his fellowes, that bough cut away.

15 Lop, poppler, and salow, elme, maple, and prye,
well saued from cattle, till sommer to lye.
so far as in lopping, their tops ye do flinge:
so far without planting, yong coppe will springe.

16 If hoppard or orchard, ye mind for to haue,
for hoppoles and crotchis, in lopping go saue.
which husbandly spared, may serue at a push:
and stop, by so hauing, two gapps with a bush.

17 From Christmas till May, be well entered in,
some cattle ware fainte, and looke poorely and thin,
and chiefly, when prime grasse at first doth appere:
then most is the daunger, of all the whole yere.

18 Take bergis and heat it, a pinte for a kow,
bay salt full a hand, to rub tong ye wote how.
That donne, with the salt, let her drinke of the rest:
this many times rayseth the feeble vp best.

19 Poore bullock with browsing, and naughtely fed,
skarse feedith, her teeth be so loose in her hed.
then slyse ye the taile, where ye feele it so soft:
with soote and with garlick, bound to it a loft.

20 By brembles and bushes, in pasture to full,
poore sheepe be in danger, and loseth their wull.
Now therfore thine ewe, vpon lamming so neere:
desireth in pasture, that all may bee cleere.

21 Leaue grubbing or pulling, of bushes (my sonne)
till timely thy fenses, require to be donne.
then take of the best, for to furnish thy turne,
and home with the rest, for the fier to burne.

22 In euery greene, if the fence be not thine,
now stub vp the bushes, the grasse to be fine. Stub of gre.
Least neighbour do dayly, so hack them beliue:
that neyther thy bushes, nor pasture can thriue.

23 In ridding of pasture, with turues so bye,
full euery hole vp, as close as a dye.
The labor is little, the profit is gaye:
what euer the loitering labozers saye.

24 The sticks and the stones, go and gather vp cleene,
for hurting of sieth, or for harming of greene.
For feare of Hew prouler, get home with the rest,
when frost is at hardist, then carriage is best.

25 Yong brome or good pasture, thy ewes do require,
warme barth and in safetie, their lambs do desire.
Looke often well to them, for foxes and dogs:
for pitts and for brembles, for vermin and hogs.

26 More daintie the lamb, the more worthy to be solde,
the sooner the better, for ewe that is old.

But

But if ye doo minde, to haue milke of the dame,
till May do not seauer, the lamb fro the same.

27 Ewes yerely by twinning, rich maisters do make,
the lamb of such twynners, for breeders go take.
For twinglings be twiggers, encrease for to bring:
though som for their twigging, peccantem may sing.

28 Calues likely that come betwene Christmas & lent,
take huswife to rere, or else after repent.
Of such as doo fall betwene change and the prime:
no rering, but sell or go kill them in time.

29 House calfe, and go sockle it twise in a daye,
and after a while, set it water and haye.
Stake ragged to rub on, no such as will bend:
then weane it well tended, at fifty dayes end.

30 The senior weaned, his yonger shall teache,
both how to drink water, and hay for to reache.
More strocken and made of when ought it do aile,
more gentle ye make it, for yoke or the paile.

31 Geld bulcalfe, and ramlamb, as soone as they fall,
for therin is lightly no daunger at all.
Some spareth the ton, for to pleasure the eye:
to haue him sheaw greater, when butcher shall buye.

32 Sowes ready to farrow, this time of the yere,
are for to be made of, and counted full dere.
For now is the losse of a fare of the sow:
more great then the losse, of two calues of thy kow.

33 Of

33 Of one sow together, rere fewe aboue fiue,
and those of the faireſt, and likeſt to thriue.
Ungelt of the beſt, keepe a coople for store:
one boze pig and sow pig, that sucketh before.

34 Who hath a deſire to haue store very large,
at Whitsontide let him gyue huſwife a charge.
To rere of a sow at once, onely but three:
and one of them also, a boze let it bee.

A way t
haue larg
breede of
hogs.

35 Geld vnder the daumme, within fortnight at leaſt,
and saue both thy money, and life of the beaſt.
Geld later with gelders, as many one do:
and looke of a dozen, to geld away two.

36 Thy coltes for the saddle, geld yong to be light,
for cart do not so, if thou iudgeſt a right.
Nor geld not, but when they be luſty and fat:
for there is a point, to be learned in that.

37 Geld fillies (but tits) er an. ix. daies of age,
they die elſe of gelding, or gelders do rage.
yong fillies so likelie, of bulk and of bone:
keepe ſuch to be breeders, let gelding alone.

38 For gayning a trifle, ſell neuer thy store,
what ioy to acquaintance, what pleaſureth more.
the larger of body, the better for breede:
more forward of growing, the better they ſpeede.

39 Good milchkow well fed, that is faier and ſound,
is yerely for profit, as good as a pound.

and yet by the yere, haue I proued or now:
as good to the purse, is a sow as a kow.

40 Keepe one and kepe both, with as little a cost,
then all shalbe saued, and nothing be lost.
Both hauing togither, what profit is caught:
good huswifes (I warrant ye) nede not be taught.

41 Thy garden plot lately, wel trenched and muckt,
would now be twyfalowd, the mallows out pluckt.
well clensed and purged, of roote and of stone,
that faut therin afterward, found may be none.

42 Remember thy hop yard, if season be drye,
now dig it and weede it, and so let it lye.
More fenny the layer, the better his lust,
most apt to beare hops, when it crumbles like dust.

43 To arbor begunne, and quick setted about,
no poeling nor waddling, till set be far out.
For Rotten and aged, may stand for a sheaw,
but hold to their tackling, they cannot but feaw.

owing otes. 44 In Ianuarie, husband that pouchet; the grotes,
will breake vp his lay, or be sowing of otes.
Otes sowen in Ianuere, lay by thy wheat:
in May, by the hay, for thy cattle to eat.

45 Let seruaunt be ready, with mattock in hand,
to stubb out the bushes, that noyeth the land.
And cumbersome rootes, so annoying the plough:
turne vpward their arses, with sorow ynough.

46 Who breaketh vp timely, his fallow or lay,
sets forward his husbandry, many a way.
this tilth in a tilture, well forward doth bring,
not only thy tyllage, but all other thing.

Breaki vp lay.

47 Some breaking vp lay, soweth otes to begin,
to suck out the moisture so sower therein.
yet otes with her sucking, a peeler is found:
and ill to the maister, and worse to some ground.

48 Land arable dreuen, or worne to the proofe,
and craueth some rest, for thy profits behoofe.
with otes ye may sowe it, the sooner to grasse:
and so to good profit, to bring it to passe.

Februaries abstract.

Chap. 30.

Febb. fill the dike,
with what ye like.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

1 To costeman ride,
lent stuffe to prouide.

2 Sowe now ye may,
beanes, peason gray.

Kéepe whight vnsowne,
till more be knowne.

3 Where clods great [illegible]
there harrow ye shall.

4 Stick bowes arowe,
where rounciuals growe.

5 Sowe kirnels and hawe,
where ridge ye did drawe.

6 Sowe hemp to kill wéede,
sowe mustard séede.

Where setts do grow,
sée nothing ye sowe.

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7 Cut vines and osier,
plash hedge of enclosier.

Feede highly thy swan,
to loue her good man.

Nest high Iaduise,
least flod do arise.

8 Land medow spare,
there dong is good ware.

9 Poore cattle craue,
some shift to haue.

10 How little géueth,
that hardly léueth.

11 Rid barley all now,
cleane out of the mow.

The best thereout draw,
giue cattle that straw.

The resdew thou shalt,
lay safe to dry malt.

☾ Go strike at the noewles,
of deluing moewels.

Such hillocks in vaine,
lay leueled playne.

Trench meadow and redge,
dike quickset and hedge.

To plots not full,
add bremble and hull.

Let wheat or else rye,
for thresher still lye.

Such straw ye may saue,
for thetcher to haue.

Poore Cunney so bagged,
is sone ouer lagged.

Plash borow set clapper,
for dog is a snapper.

God slight who loues,
must kéepe their doues.

Byd hawking adewe,
cast hawke into mewe.

Kéepe shéepe out of briers,
keepe beast out of miers.

Kéepe lambs from fox,
else sheapheard go box.

Good neighbour mine,
now yoke thy swine.

Now euery day,
set hops ye may.

Now set for the pot,
best herbes to be got.

For flowers go set,
all sortes ye can get.

As winter doth proue,
so may ye remoue.

For all the yere,
now all thing rere.

Watth ponds go lake,
to weéles and hake.

Knaues seldome repent,
to steale in lent.

All fish they get,
that commeth to net.

Chap. 31.

NOw timely for lent stuff, thy money disburse,
the longer ye tary, for profit the wurse.
if one peny vantage, be there in to saue:
of costeman or Flemming, be sure it to haue.

2 Go plow in the stubble, take timely this season,
be soewing of fitchis, of beanes and of peason.
Now, sooner ye sawe them, the sooner they coom:
and better for houshold, the fill vp a room.

Sowing of peaso

3 Go harrow the peason, ye buried so deepe,
least colde do compell them, for euer to sleepe.
Or thystles so meany (that cumbersome wede)
where clay hath the maistrie, come vp in their stede.

4 Stick plenty of bows, among runcifall pease,
to climber there on, and to branch at their ease.
So doing more tender, and greater they wex:
if peacock and turkey, leaue iobbing their becks.

5 Now sow and go harrow (wher redge ye did draw)
the seed of the bremble, with kurnell and haw.
which couered ouerly, soone to shut out:
go see it be diched, and fenced about.

6 Where banks be amended, and newly vp cast,
sowe mustard seed, after a shower be past.
where plots full a netties, be noysome to eye:
sowe thereupon hempseed, and nettles will dye.

Sow hes seed in ma

7 The vines and the osiers, cut and go set,
if grape be vnpleasant, a better go get.
Fede swan and go make her vp, strongly a nest:
for feare of a flood, good and high is the best.

8 Land meadow that yerely is spared for hay,
now fence it and spare it, and dong it ye may.
get mouleketcher, cunningly mowle for to kill:
and harow and cast abrode euery hill.

9 Friend alway let this, be a part of thy care,
for shift of good pasture, lay pasture to spare.
so haue ye good feeding, in bushets and leaze:
and quickly sake finding, of cattle at ease.

10 Where cattle may run abont, roeuing at will,
from pasture to pasture, poore belly to fill,
there pasture and cattle, both hungry and bare:
for want of good husbandry, worser do fare.

11 Now thresh out thy barley, for malt or for seede,
for breadcorne (if need be) to serue as shall neede.
If worke for the thresher, ye mind for to haue,
of wheat and of mastlein, vnthreshed go saue.

Chap. 32.

Marche dust to be solde,
Worth raunsomes of golde.

1 Whight peason sowe,
skare hungry crowe.

2 Spare meadow for hay,
spare marshes at May.

3 What champion vsith,
woodland refusith.

Kéepe shéepe from dog.
kéepe lamb from hog.

If Fores mowse them,
then, nightly howse them.

4 March drye or wet,
hop ground go set.

Yong rootes well drest,
proue euer the best.

Great hop great hill,
to grow at will.

From hop long gut,
away go cut.

5 Here learne the way,
hop rootes to lay.

6 Rootes best to proue,
thus set I loue.

7 Leaue space and rome,
to hillock to come.

8 Of hedge and willow,
hop makes her pillow.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

Good bearing hop,
climes vp to the top.

Kéepe hop from sonne,
and hop is vndonne.

9 Hop toles procure,
that may endure.

Iron crowe, like a stake,
déepe hole to make.

A scraper to pare,
the earth about bare.

A hone to raise roote,
like sole of a boote.

Sharpe knife to cut,
superfluous gut.

10 Who grafting loues,
now grafting prones.

Of euery suite,
most deintie fruite.

Graff good fruite all,
or graff not at all.

11 Graff sone may be lost,
both grafting and cost.

Learne here to take hid,
what counsaile doth bid.

12 Sow barely that can,
to sone ye shall ban.

Let

Let horse kepe his owne,
till barley be sowne,

Sowe euen the land,
with plentifull hand.

Sowe ouer and vnder,
in clay is no wonder.

13 Straight follow the plough,
and harrow enough.

With sling or bowe,
go skare away crowe.

14 Roule after a deawe,
when barley doth sheawe.

Wore handsome to make it,
to mowe and to rake it.

15 Learne here ye may,
best harrowing way.

16 Make ready a plot,
for sædes for the pot.

17 Best searching mindes,
the best way findes.

18 For garden best,
is south southwest.

19 Good tilth bring sædes,
ill tilture weedes.

20 For sommer sow now,
for winter sæ how.

21 To set or sowe,
learne time to know.

22 Yong plants sone die,
that growe to drie.

23 In countrey doth rest,
what season is best.

24 God wore mans fare,
is wore mans care.

And not to bosse,
of sod and rosse.

24 Cause rooke and rauen,
to sæke a new hauen.

☞ Geld lambs now all,
streight as they fall.

Loke twice a day,
least lambs decay.

Kæpe corne from crowe,
with arrow and bowe.

Where horse did harrow,
put stones in barrow.

Or lay them bye,
in heapes on lye.

Let oxen fat,
lose nothing of that.

Now hunt with dog,
vnyoked hog.

Wish doues good luck,
hen, gose, and duck.

To spare a right,
spare March his slight.

Saue

Saue chickins poze buttocks,
from pye, crowe & puttocks.

Some loue now best,
yong rabbets nest,

Now knaues will steale,
pyg, lamb, and veale.

Here learne to knowe,
what sedes to sowe.

And such to plant,
whose sedes do want.

¶ Seedes and herbes for the Kychen.

1 Ale ns.
2 Betani.
3 Blétes oz bétes, whit oz yellowe.
4 Blod wozth.
5 Buglas.
6 Burnet.
7 Burrage.
8 Cabage remoue in June.
9 Clarye.
10 Colewozts.
11 Cresses.
12 Endiue.
13 Fenell.
14 French Malowes
15 French Saffron. Set in August.
16 Lang de biefe.
17 Lékes. remoue in June.
18 Lettis. remoue in Maye.
19 Long wozt.
20 Liuer wozt.
21 Marygoldes often cut.
22 Mercury.
23 Myntes at all times.
24 Nep.
25 Oyneons from December to Marche.

26 Orach or arach, red and white,
27 Patience.
28 Percelye.
29 Peneriall.
30 Primerose.
31 Poret.
32 Rosemary, in the springtime.
33 Sage red and white.
34 Saffron, set in August.
35 Sommer sauery.
36 Sorell.
37 Spinnage.
38 Suckery.
39 Siethees.
40 Tanzie.
41 Time.
42 Violettes of all sortes.
43 Winter sauory.

¶ Herbes and rootes, for sallets and sawce,

1 Alexanders, at all times.
2 Artichocks.
3 Blessed thistle, or Carduus Benedictus.
4 Cucumbers, in Aprill and May.
5 Cressis, sowe with Lettice in the Spring.
6 Endiue.
7 Mustarde seede, sowe in the spring and at Michelmas.
8 Musk myllions, in Aprill and May.
9 Mintes.
10 Purslane.
11 Radish.
12 Rampions.
13 Rockat, in Aprill.
14 Sage.
15 Sorrell.
16 Spinage, for the Summer,
17 Sea holye,

18 Sperage, let growe two yeares, and then remoue.
19 Skirrets. set these plants in Marche.
20 Suckery
21 Taragon Aprill.
22 Violets.

¶ These buy with the peny,
or loke not for eny.

1 Capers.
2 Lemmans.
3 Olives.
4 Orengis.
5 Rise.
6 Saunpire.

¶ Herbs & rootes to boyle or to butter.

1 Beanes, set in winter.
2 Cabbegis, sowe in March, and after remoue.
3 Carrets.
4 Cytrons, sowe in May.
5 Gourdes. in May.
6 Nauewes, sowe in June.
7 Pompiones, in Maye.
8 Parseneps. in winter.
9 Roncifall pease, set in winter
10 Rapes sowe in June.
11 Turneps, in March & Aprill.

¶ Strowing herbs of all sortes.

1 Basell, fine & bushi, sowe in May
2 Bawlme set in Marche.
3 Camamel.
4 Costemary.
5 Cowsleps, and paggles.

6 Daysies, of all sortes.
7 Swæte fennell.
8 Germander.
9 Isop set in Februarie.
10 Lauender.
11 Lauender spike.
12 Lauender cotten.
13 Margerom knotted, sowe or set at the Spring.
14 Mawdelin.
15 Peny ryall.
16 Roses, of all sortes in January and September.
17 Red myntes.
18 Sage.
19 Tanzey.
20 Violets.
21 Winter sauery

¶ Herbes, branchis and flowers for windowes and ~~potts~~.

1 Bayes sowe, or set in plants in January.
2 Batchelers buttens.
3 Botles, blewe, red and tauney.
4 Collembines.
5 Campions.
6 Daffadondillies.
7 Eglantine, or swæte bryer.
8 Fetherfewe.
9 Flower armour sowe in May
10 Flower de luce.
11 Flower gentil, white and red.
12 Flower nyce.
13 Gelyflowers, red, white and carnations, set in Spring, and Haruest in potts, pailes or tubs, or for sommer in bedds.
14 Holiokes, red, white and carnations.
15 Indian eye sowe in May, or set in slips in Marche.
16 Lauender, of all sortes.

Larkes

17 Larkes fot.
18 Laus tibi.
19 Lilium cum balium.
20 Lillies, red and white, sowe or set in March, & September.
21 Marigoldes double.
22 Nigella Romana.
23 Pauncies or hartseale.
24 Pagels, grene and yellowe.
25 Pinkes of all sortes.
26 Quenes gilliflowers.
27 Rosemary.
28 Roses of all sortes.
29 Snap dragons.
30 Sopps in wine.
31 Sweete williams.
32 Sweete Johns.
33 Star of Bethelem.
34 Star of Jerusalem.
35 Stock gilleflowers of all sortes.
36 Tuft gelliflowers.
37 Veluet flowers, or frech marigold
38 Violets yellow and white.
39 Wall gelliflowers of all sortes.

¶ Herbs to still in sommer

1 Blessed thistell.
2 Betonye.
3 Dill.
4 Endiue.
5 Eye bright.
6 Fennell.
7 Fumetorie.
8 Isop.
9 Pints.
10 Plantine.
11 Roses, red & damaske.
12 Respies.

Marches abstract.

13 Sarefrage.
14 Strawberies.
15 Sorrell.
16 Suckerie.
17 Wodorofe for swéete waters & cakes.

¶ Necessarie herbes to growe in the garden for Physick, not rehersd before.

1 Annis.
2 Archangell.
3 Betane.
4 Charuyle.
5 Cinqfile.
6 Cummin.
7 Dragons.
8 Dctany, or garden gynger.
9 Gromell séede. for the stone.
10 Hartstongue.
11 Horehounde.
12 Louage for the stone.
13 Lycoras.
14 Mandrake.
15 Mogworth.
16 Pyonées.
17 Poppye.
18 Rew.
19 Rubarb.
20 Smalache.
21 Sarefrage, for the stone.
22 Sauin, for the botts.
23 Stichwort.
24 Ualerian.
25 Wodbine.

Thus endes in brieke, of herbes the chiefe.
To get more skill. reade whom ye will.
Such moe to haue, Of field go craue.

Chap. 33.

WHite peason both good, for the pot and the purse,
by sowing to timely, proue often the wurse. Sowing peason.
Because they be tender, and hateth the colde:
proue March er ye sowe them, for being to bolde.

2 Spare medowe at Gregory, marshes at Pask, Spare eating of medowe.
for feare of drie sommer, no longer time ask.
Then hedge them and ditch them, bestow theron pence.
corne meadow and pasture, aske euer good fence.

3 Of Mastiues and mungrils, that many wee see,
a number of thousands, to many there bee.
Watch therfore in lent, to thy sheepe go and loke:
for dogs will haue bittels, by hooke or by croke.

4 In March at the furdest, drie season or wet, Setting of hoppes.
hop rootes so well chosen, let skilfull go set.
The goeler and yonger, the better I loue:
well gutted and pared, the better they proue.

5 Some layeth them croswise, along in the ground,
as high as thy knee, they do couer vp round.
Some pricke vp a sticke, in the midds of the same:
that little round hillocke, the better to frame.

6 Some maketh a hollownes, halfe a foote deepe,
with fower sets in it, set slant wise a sleepe.
One foote from another, in order to lye,
and thereon a hillock, as round as a pye.

7 Fiue

7 Fiue foote from another, ech hillock would stand,
as straight, as a leaueled line with the hand.
Let euery hillocke, be fower foote wide:
the better to come to, on euery side.

8 By willowes that groweth, thy hoppard without,
and also by hedges, thy meadowes about,
Good hop hath a pleasure, to clime and to spred:
if sonne may haue passage, to comfort her hed.

p tooles 9 Get crowe made of Iron, deepe hole for to make,
with crosse ouerthwart it, as sharpe as a stake.
A hone and a parer, like sole of a boote:
to pare away grasse, and to rayse vp the roote.

afting. 10 In March is good grafting, that skilfull do know,
so long as the wind, in the east do not blowe.
From moone being changed, till past be the prime:
for grafting and cropping, is very good time.

11 Things grafted or planted, the greatest and least,
defend against tempest, the bird and the beast.
Defended shall prosper, the tother is lost:
the thing with the labor, the time and the cost.

wing of 12 Sowe barley in Marche, and in Aprill and Maye,
ley. the later in sand, and the sooner in claye.
What worser for barley then wetnes and colde:
what better to skilfull, then time to be bolde.

13 Let barley be harrowed, finely as dust,
then workemanly trench it, and fence it ye must.

This

This season well plied, set sowing an end,
and prayse and pray God, a good haruest to send.

14 Some rowleth their barley, straight after a raine, Rowlin
when first it appereth, to leaueil it plaine. of barley
The barley so vsed, the better doth growe,
and handsome ye make it, at haruest to mowe.

15 Otes, barley and pease, harowe after ye sowe, Harrowin
for rye harow first, as aforesaide ye know.
Leaue wheat little clod, for to couer the hed:
that after a frost, it may out and go spred.

16 In March, May, and Aprill, from morning to night Gardenin
in sowing and setting, good huswiues delight.
To haue in a garden, or other like plot:
to trim vp their house, and to furnish their pot.

17 The nature of flowers daine phisicke doth shewe,
she teacheth them all, to be knowne to a fewe.
To set or to sowe, or els sowne to remoue:
how that should be practised, learne if ye loue.

18 Land falling or lying, full South or southwest,
for profite by tillage, is lightly the best.
So garden with orchard, and hoppyard I finde:
that want the like benefite, growe out a kinde.

19 If field to bearne corne, a good tillage doth craue,
what thinke ye of Garden, what garden would haue.
If field without cost, be assured of weedes:
in garden be suer thou loesist thy seedes.

20 At spring (for the sommer) sowe garden ye shall,
at haruest (for winter) or sowe not at all.
Oft digging, remouing, and weeding (ye see)
makes herb the more holesome, and greater to bee.

21 Time kayer, to sowe or to gather be bolde,
but set or remoue, when the weather is colde.
Cut all thing or gather, the Moone in the wane:
but sowe in encreasing, or giue it his bane.

22 New set do aske watring, with pot or with dish,
new sowne do not so, if ye do as I wish.
Through cunning with dybble, rake, mattock & spade:
by line and by leauell, trim garden is made.

23 Who soweth too late ward, hath seldome good seede,
who soweth too soone, little better shall speede.
Apt time and the season, so diuers to hit:
let ayer and layer helpe practise and wit.

24 Good peason, and leekes, to make porredge in lent,
and pescods in July, saue fish to be spent.
Those hauing with other things, plentifull than:
thou winnest the hart of the laboring man.

25 Kill crowe, pie and cadow, rooke, buzard and rauen,
or els go desire them, to seeke a new hauen.
In scaling the youngest, to plucke of his beck:
beware how ye climber, for breaking your neck.

Chap 34.

Sweete Aprill showers,
do spring May flowers.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Set hop his pole,
make deepe the hole.

2 First bark go sell,
er timber ye fell.

3 Fence copie in,
er hewers begin.

4 The best ye know,
for staddles let grow.

5 Crab tree preserue,
for plow to serue.

6 Get timber out,
er yere go about.

7 Man, cow prouides,
wife dayry guides,

8 Slut Cisley vntaught,
hath whitemeat naught.

9. Some bringeth in gaines,
some losse besides paines.

Runne Cys, saut knowne
with more thē thine owne

10 Such Mistresse such nan,
such Master such man.

11 By such ill gestes,
poore Cys, ill restes.

Such sautes as thease,
good dame will ease.

These sautes all ten,
abhorreth all men.

12 A warning for Cysse,
for doing amisse.

Aprils Husbandrie. Chap. 35.

GEt into thy hoppayd, with plentie of poles,
Among those same hillocks, deuide them by doles. Put pole to your hy hills,
Three poles to a hillock (I passe not how long)
shall yeed thee more profite, set deeply and strong.

ling of mber.

2 Sell barke to the Tanner, er timber ye fell,
Cut lowe by the ground, or else do ye not well.
In breaking, saue crooked, for myll and for shippes:
and euer in hewing, saue carpenters chippes.

3 First see it well fensed, or hewers begin,
then see it well staddled, without and within.
Thus being preserued, and husbandly donne:
shall sooner raise profit, to thee or thy sonne.

4 Leaue growing for staddles, the likest and best,
though seller and buyer, dispatcheth the rest,
In bushet, in hedgerowe, in groue and in wood:
this lesson obserued, is nedefull and good.

5 Saue elme, ashe and crabtree, for cart and for plough
Saue step for a stile, of the crotch of the bough.
Saue hazell for forkes, saue sallowe for rake:
saue huluer and thorne, therof flayle for to make.

6 Make riddance of carrige, er yere go about,
for spoyling of plant, that is newly come out.
To carter (with oxen) this message I bring:
leaue oxen abrode, for anoying the spring.

7 From Aprill beginning, till Andrew be past,
so long with good huswife, her dayry doth last.
Good milchcow & pasture, good husbands prouide
the residue, good huswiues, know best how to guide.

yry
ters.

8 Ill huswife vnskilfull, to make hir owne cheese,
through trusting of others, haue this for thy feese.

Her

Her milke pan and creame pot, so slabberd and sost:
that butter is wanting, and cheese is halfe lost.

9 Where some of a kow, do rayse yearely a pound,
with such seely hulwiues, no peny is found.
Then dayry maid (Cisley) her faute being knowne,
away apace trudgeth, with more then her owne.

10 Then neighbour for Gods sake, if any you see,
good seruant for dayry house, wayne her to mee.
Such master such man, and such mistresse such mayde:
such husband and hulwife, such house is arayde.

¶ A lesson for dayry mayd Cisley of ten toppings of gests.

AS wife that will,
good husband please,
Must shonne with skill,
such gests as thease:
So Cysse that serues,
must marke this note,
What faute deserues,
a brushed cote.

Gehezie, Lots hal wife, and Argulles eyes,
Tom Pyper, poore Cobler, and Lazarus thyes. Ten toppings guests
Rough Esau with Mawdelin, and Gentles that scrall,
With Bishop that turneth, and burneth vp all.

These toppingly gests, be in number but ten,
as welcome in dayrie, as beares among men:
VVhich being descried, take heede of you shall,
for daunger of after claps, after that fall.

white and drie. 1 Gehezy, his sicknes was whightish and drie,
such cheeses good Cisley, ye floted to nie.

To salt. 2 Leaue Lot with her piller, (good Cisley) alone,
much saltnes in white meat, is ill for the stone.

Full of eies 3 If cheeses in dayrie, haue Argusses eyes,
tell Cisley the faut, in her huswiferie lies.

Houen. 4 Tom Pyper, hath houen and puffed vp cheekes,
if cheese be so houen, make Cis to seeke creekes.

Tough. 5 Poore Cobler he toggeth his leatherly trash,
if cheese abide togging, at Cisley a crash.

full of spots 6 If Lazer so lothsome, in cheese be espide,
let bayes amend Cisley, or set her aside.

full of heares. 7 Rough Esau was hearie, from top to the foot:
if cheese so appeareth, call Cisley a slut.

ful of whay 8 As Mawdelin wept, so would Cisley be drest,
for whay in her cheeses, not halfe ynough prest.

full of gentils. 9 If gentils be skrauling, call magget the pye,
if cheeses haue gentils, at Cis by and by.

Burnt to the panne. 10 Blesse Cisley (good mistresse) that bishop doth banne
for burning the milke of her cheese to the panne.

Amend

Amend so oft beaten,
for doing amisse?
I will no more threaten,
I promise thee Cysse.

Thus dayrie mayd Cisley, rehersed ye see,
what fautes with ill huswife, in dayrie house bee.
Of market abhorred, to household, a griefe:
to master and mistresse as ill as a thiefe.

Mayes abstract.

Chap. 36.

Cold May and a windy,
Barne filleth vp finely.

Forgotten month past,
Do now at the last.

1 Put lamb from eawe,
to milk a feaw.

2 Be not to bold,
to milke and fold.

3 Fiue calues alow,
to euery kow.

4 Shæpe wrigling tayle,
hath madds without fayle.

5 Beate in the rædе,
as house hath nædе.

6 Leaue cropping from may,
till Michelmas day.

7 Now thresshers warne,
to ryd the barne.

8 Be suer of hay,
till thend of May.

9 Let shæpe fill flank,
where corne is to rank.

8 In woodland euer,
in champion neuer.

10 To wædіng away,
as sone as ye may.

Mayes abstract.

11 For corne here rēde,
what naughty wēde.

12 Who wēding slacketh,
good husbandrie lacketh.

13 Sowe bucke or branck,
that smels so ranck.

14 Sowe hemp and flax,
that linnen lacks,

15 Teach hop to clime,
for now it is time.

16 Through fowles & wēdes,
poore hop ill spēdes.

Cut of or crop
superfluous hop.

17 The tytters or tine,
now take out fine.

18 New setts do craue,
some wēding to haue.

19 Now drayne as ye like,
both fenne and dike.

20 Watch Bées in May,
for swarming away.

Both now and in June,
marke master bées tune.

21 Thy fallow thy land,
least plough els stand.

22 No longer tary,
out compas to cary.

23 Where nēde doth pray it,
there sée ye lay it.

24 Set Jack and Jone,
to gather vp stone.

25 To grasse with calues,
take nothing to halues.

26 Be suer thy neate,
haue water and meate.

27 By tayneting of ground,
destruction is found.

28 Now carridge get,
home fuewell to fet.

Tell faggot and billet,
for filching gillet.

29 In sommer for fiering,
let Citie be buying.

Marke colliers packing,
least coales be lacking.

Sée opened sacke,
for two in a packe.

30 Let nodding patch,
go sleepe a snatch.

31 Wife if ye will,
now plie your still.

32 Fine

32 Fine Bazell sowe,
in a pot to grow.

From bull, kow fast,
till Crowtchmas be past.

St. Hele Day.

Fine sædes sowe now,
(before ye sawe how.)

From heffar bull hid thée,
till Lammas doth byd thée.

Mayes husbandry.

Chap. 37.

AT Phillip and Jacob, away with the lambs,
that thinkest to haue, any milck of their dammes.
At Lammas leaue milking, for feare of a thing:
least (requiem æternam) in winter they sing.

2 To milk and to folde them, is much to require,
except ye haue pasture, to fill their desire.
yet many by milking (such heede they do take)
not hurting their bodies, much profit to make.

3 Fiue Ewes to a kow, make a proofe by a score,
shall double thy dairie, else trust me no more.
yet may a good huswife, that knoweth the skill,
haue mixt or vnmixt, at her pleasure and will.

4 If sheepe or thy lamb, fall a wrigling with tayle,
go by and by searche it, whiles help may preuayle.
That barberly handled, I dare thee assure,
cast dust in his arse, thou hast finisht thy cure.

5 Where houses be reeded (as houses haue need)
now pare of the mosse, and go beat in the reed.
The iuster ye driue it, the smoother and playne:
more handsome ye make it, to shut of the raine.

6 From May till October, leaue cropping, for why,
in woodsere, what euer thou croppist will die.
where Iuye embraceth, the tree very sore:
kill Iuye, or tree else will addle no more.

7 Kepe threshing for thresher, till May be come in,
to haue to be suer fresh chaff in the bin.
and somewhat to scamble, for hog and for hen:
and worke when it rayneth, for loytering men.

Cost more to sore. 8 Be suer of hay, and of prouender some,
for labouring cattle, till pasture be come.
And if ye do mind to haue nothing to sterue:
haue one thing or other, for all thing to serue.

9 Ground compassed well, and a following yere,
(if wheat or thy barley, to rank doth appere)
Now eate it with sheepe, or els mowe it ye may:
for ledging and so, to the birds for a pray.

10 In May get a wede hooke, a crotch and a gloue,
and wede out such wedes, as the corne do not loue.
for weding of winter corne, now it is best:
but June is the better, for weding the rest.

Ill weeds 11 The May wede doth burn, & the thistle doth freate,
the fytches pull downward, both rye and the wheate.

The

The brake and the cockle, be noysome to much:
yet like vnto boddle, no wede there is such.

12 Slack neuer thy weding, for derth nor for cheape,
the corne shall reward it, er euer ye reape.
and specially where ye do trust to for seed:
let that be well weded, the better to speed.

13 In May is good sowing, thy buck or thy brank, Sowing of brank.
that black is as peper, and smelleth so ranck.
It is to thy land, as a comfort or muck:
and all thing it maketh as fat as a buck.

14 Good flax & good hemp, for to haue of her owne, Sowing of flax and hemp.
in May, a good huswife, will see it be sowne.
And afterward trim it, to serue at a need:
the fymble to spinne, and the karle for her seed.

15 Get into thy hoppyard, for now it is time,
to teach Roben hop, on his pole how to clime.
To folow the Sunne, as his propertie is:
and wede him and trim him, if ought go amis.

16 Grasse, thistle and mustard seed, heinlock and bur,
tine, mallow and nettle, that kepe such a stur.
with pecock and turky, that nibbles of top:
are very ill neighbors, to seely poore hop.

17 From wheat go and rake out, the titters or tine.
if eare be not forth, it will ryse agayn fine.
vse now in thy rye, little raking or none:
breake tine from his roote, and so let it alone.

dring of kalf.

18 Banks newly quick settid, som weding do craue,
the kindlyer nurrishment, thereby to haue,
then after a shower, to weding a snatch:
more easely wede, with the roote to dispatch.

19 The Fen and the quamere, so marrish be kinde,
and are to be drayned, now wyne to thy minde.
which yerely vndrayned, and sufferd vncute
annoyeth the medowes, that theron do but.

arming bees.

20 Take heede to thy bees, that are ready to swarme,
the losse therof now, is a crownes worth of harme.
let skilfull be ready, and diligence seene:
least being to careles, thou losest thy beene.

kfallow-

21 In May at the furdest, twy fallow thy land,
much drowt may else after, cause plough for to stand.
this tilth being donne, ye haue passed the wurst:
then after who ploweth, plow thou with the furst.

22 Twy fallow once endid, get tumbrell and man,
and compas that fallowe, as sone as ye can.
let skilfull bestow it, where neede is vpon:
more profit the sooner, to follow there on.

23 Hyde hedlonds with muck, if ye will to the knees,
so dripped and shadowd, with bushes and trees.
bare plots full of galles, if ye plow ouerthwart,
and compas it then, is a husbandly part.

24 Let children be hyered, to lay to their bones,
from fallow as nedith, to gather vp stones.

What

What wisdom, for profit aduisith vnto,
that husband and huswife, must willingly do.

25 To grasse with thy calues, in som meadow plot nere, Forth grasse thy cal
where neyther their mothers, may see them nor here.
where water is plenty, and barth to sit warme:
and looke well vnto them, for taking of harme.

26 Pinch neuer thy wennels, of water or meate,
if euer ye hope, for to see them good neate.
In sommer time dayly, in winter in frost:
if cattle lack drinck, they be vtterly lost.

27 For coueting much, ouer lay not thy grownd,
and then shall thy cattle, be lusty and sound.
but pinch them of pasture, while sommer doth last,
and lifte at their tayles, er an winter be past.

28 Get home with thy fewell, made ready to fet, Get ho
the sooner the easier, caridge to get. thy few
or otherwise linger, the carridge thereon:
till (where as ye left it) a quarter be gon.

29 His fiering in sommer, let citezen buye,
least buying in winter, make purse for to crye,
For carman and collier, harps on a stringe:
in winter they cast, to be with thee to bringe.

30 From May till mid August, an hower or two,
let patch sleape a snatch, how soneuer ye do.
though sleaping one hower, refreshith his song: Sleepin
yet trust not hob growthed, for sleaping to long. time.

31 The knowledge of stilling, is one preaty feat,
the waters be holesome, the charges not great.
what timely thou gettest, while sommer doth last:
think winter will help thee, to spend it as fast.

32 Fine Bazell desireth, it may be her lot,
to grow as the gelisiower, trim in a pot.
that ladies and gentles, for whom shee doth serue:
may help her as nedeth, poore life to preserue.

Junes abstract.

Calme weather in Iune,
Corne setts in tune.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Wash shepe for to share,
that shæpe may go bare.

Who goeth a borrowing,
goeth a sorrowing.

2 Though fleese ye take,
no patches make.

7 Sée tart in plight,
and all things right.

3 Share lambs no whit,
or share not yet.

8 Make drie ouer hed,
both houell and shed.

4 If meadow be growen,
let meadow be mowen.

9 Of houel make stack,
with pease on his back.

5 Plowe early ye may,
and then carry hay.

10 Good store house nedefull,
in order spédefull.

6 Tis good to be knowne,
to haue of thine owne.

11 Thy barne repaier,
make flower faier.

Such

12 Such shrubbs as noy,
in sommer destroy.

13 Swing brimbles and brakes
get forkes and rakes.

14 Spare hedlong some,
till harvest come.

15 Cast ditch and pond,
to lay vpon lond.

16 Where hops will growe,
heare learne to knowe.

Hops many will come,
in rode of rome.

17 Hops hates the land,
with grauell and sand.

18 Drye rotten mold,
for hop is worth gold.

19 The sunne south west,
for hop yard best.

20 Hop plot once found,
now dig the ground.

21 Hops fauorth malt,
hops, thrift doth exalt.

Of hops more rede,
as time doth nede.

Iunes husbandry.

Chap. 39.

WAsh sheepe (for the better) where water doth run,
and let him go clenly, and dry in the sun. Sheep sharing
Then share him and spare not, at two dayes an end:
the sooner the better, his corps will amend.

2 Reward

2 Reward not thy sheepe (when ye take of his cote)
with twitchis and patchis, as brode as a grote.
let not such vngentlenes, happen to thine:
least flye with her gentils, do make it to pine.

3 Let lambs go vnclipped, till June be half worne,
the better their fleeses, will growe to be shorne.
the Pye will discharge thee, for pulling the rest:
the lighter the sheepe is, then feedeth it best.

4 If meadow be forward, be moweing of some,
but mowe as the makers, may well ouercome.
take heede to the weather, the wind and the skie:
if daunger approcheth, then cock a pace crye.

5 Plough earely till ten a clock, then to thy haye,
in plowing and carting, so profit ye maye.
by little and little, thus doing ye win:
that plough shall not hinder, when harueste commes in.

6 Prouide of thine owne, to haue all thing at hand,
least work and the workman, vnoccupied stand.
Loue seldome to borow, that thinkest to saue:
for hee that once lendeth, twice looketh to haue.

7 Let Cart be well searched, without or within,
well clowted and greased, er haye time begin.
Thy haye being carrid, though carter had sworne:
carts bottom well boerded, is sauing of corne.

8 Good husbands that lay to saue all thing vpright,
for tumbrels and cart, haue a shed ready dight.

Where

where vnder the hog, may in winter lye warme,
to stand so enclosed, as wind do no harme.

9 So likewise a house will serue for a roome,
to stack on thy peason, when harvest shall coome.
and serue the in winter, more ouer then that:
to shut vp the porklings, thou mindest to fat.

10 What husbandly husbands, except they be fooles,
but handsom haue store house, for trinkets and tooles.
And all in good order, fast locked to lye,
what euer is needfull, to finde by and bye.

11 Thy houses and barnes, would be looked vpon,
and all thing amended, er harvest come on.
Things thus set in order, in quiet and rest:
shall further thy harvest, and pleasure the best.

12 The bushes and thorne, with the shrubbs that do noy
in woodsere or sommer, cut downe to destroy.
But whereas decay, to the tree ye will none:
for danger in woodsere, let hacking alone.

13 At midsommer, down with the brembles and brakes,
and after, abrode with thy forkes and thy rakes.
set mowers a mowing, wher meadow is growen:
the longer (now standing) the wurse to be mowen.

14 Now down with the grasse, vpon hedlonds about,
that groweth in shadow, so rank and so stout.
But grasse vpon hedlond, of barley and pease:
when harvest is ended, go mowe if ye please.

15 Such muddy deepe dieches, and pits in the field,
that all a drie sommer, no water will yeld:
By fleing and casting, that mudde vpon heapes,
commodities many, the husbandman reapes.

A lesson where and when to plant good *Hopyard*.

16 Whom fansy perswadeth, among other cropps,
to haue for his spending, sufficient of hopps,
must willingly folow, of choyses to chuse:
such lessons approued, as skilfull do vse.

17 Ground, grauely, sandy, and mixed with clay,
is naughty for hops, any maner of way.
Or if it be mingled, with rubbish and stone,
for drienes and barrennes, let it alone.

18 Chuse soile for the hop, of the softenest mould,
well donged and wrought, as a garden plot should.
not far fro the water (but not ouerflowne)
this lesson well noted, is meete to be knowne.

19 The Sunne in the South, or els southly a west,
is ioy to the hop, as a welcomed guest.
But wind in the north, or else northely and east,
to hop is as ill, as a fray in a feast.

20 Meete plot for a hopyard, once found as is told,
make thereof accompt, as of Iewell of gold.
Now dig it, and leaue it the Sunne for to burne:
and afterward fence it, to serue for that turne.

21 The

21 The hop for his profit, I thus do exalt,
it strengtheneth drink, and it fauoreth malt.
And being well brewed, long kept it will last,
and drawing abide, if ye drawe not to fast.

Iulies abstract.

Chap. 40.

No tempest good Iulie
Least all looke rulie.

Forgotten month past,
do now at the last.

1 Gowe, sirs and away,
to ted and make hay.

If storme drawes nye,
then cockapace crye.

2 Let hay still abide,
till well it be dride.

Hay made away carry,
no longer tarry.

3 Who best way tietheth,
he best way thriueth.

4 Two good hay makers,
worth twenty crakers.

5 Let dalops about,
be mowen and had out.

See hay do loke grene,
for field ye rake clene.

6 Thy fallow I pray thee,
least thistles bewray thee.

7 Cut of good wife,
ripe beane with a knife.

8 Ripe hemp out hull,
from karle to pull.

Let seede hemp growe,
till more ye knowe.

9 Some wormwood saue,
for March to haue.

10 Get griest to the mill,
for wanting at will,

Go reape or pluck,
thy brank or buck.

Dryde flar get in,
for mayde to spin.

Chap. 41.

haruest GO muster thy seruants, be captain thy selfe,
prouiding them weapon, and other like pelfe.
Get bottles and wallets, kepe field in the heat:
the feare is as much, as the danger is great.

2 With tossing and raking, and setting on cocks,
grasse lately in swathes, is hay for an ox.
That donne, go and cart it, and haue it away:
the battel is fought, ye haue gotten they day.

3 Pay iustly thy tiethes, what euer thou be,
that God may in blessing, send foizen to the.
though curat be bad, or the parson as euell:
go not for thy tiething, thy self to the deuell.

4 Let hay be well made, or auise else auous,
for moulding in goef, or of fiering the house.
lay coursist asyde, for the ox and the cow:
the finest for shepe, and thy gelding alow.

5 Then down with thy hedlond, that growith about,
leaue neuer a dalop, vnmowen and had out.
though grasse be but thin, about barly and pease:
yet picked vp cleane, ye shall find therin ease.

6 Thryfallow betime, for destroying of wede,
Thryfallowing least thistle and dock, fall a blooming and seede.
such season may chance, it shall stand thee apon:
to till it againe er an sommer be gon.

7 Not

7 Not rend of, but cut of, ripe beane with a knyfe,
for hindering stalke, of her vegetiue lyfe.
so gather the lowest, and leauing the top:
shall teache thee a trick, for to double thy crop.

8 Wife pluck fro thy seed hemp, the fimble hemp clene,
this looketh more yellow, the other more grene.
vse ton for thy spinning, leaue Mighel the tother:
for shoothzed and halter, for rope and such other.

9 While woormwood hath seed, get a bundle or twaine,
to saue against March, to make flea to refraine.
where chamber is swept, & that woormwood is strown,
no flea for his life, dare abide to be known.

10 Get gryst to the mill, to haue plenty in store,
least miller lack water, as meany do more.
the meale the more yeldeth, if seruant be truee
and miller that tolleth, take none but his due.

Auguſts abſtract.

Chap. 42.

Dry Auguſt and warme,
Doth harueſt no harme.

Forgotten month paſt,
Do now at the laſt.

1 Thy fallowing wonne,
get compaſſing donne.

2 In June and in Awe,
ſwinge brakes for a lawe.

3 Pere ſaffron plot,
forget it not.

His dwelling made trim,
looke ſhortly for him.

When harueſt is gon,
then ſaffron comes on.

4 A little of ground,
brings ſaffron a pound.

Keepe culler in drying,
(well vſed) worth buying.

The pleaſure fine,
the profit thyne.

5 Now ſtrike vp droom,
com harueſt man com.

Take paine for a gaine,
one knaue marrith twaine.

Get reapers by day,
leaſt corne do decay.

By great is the cheaper,
if truſtie were reaper.

7 Geue gloues to reapers,
blow horne for ſleapers.

8 Well doings who loueth,
theſe harueſt points proueth.

9 Pay God his part furſt,
and not of the wurſt.

That parſon may,
tithe carry away.

10 Keepe cart gap weele,
keepe hog from wheele.

11 Mowne barley leſſe coſt,
ill mowne, much loſt.

12 Reape barley with hand,
that will not ſtand.

Let greneſt ſtand,
for making of band.

Bands made without deaw,
will hold but a feaw.

13 Lay hand to find her,
two rakers to a binder.

14 Rake after ſiethe,
and pay thy tiethe.

Corne carryed all,
then rake it ye ſhall.

15 Let

15 Let ſhock take ſweate,
leaſt goeſe take heate.

Yet is it beſt reaſon,
to take it in ſeaſon.

16 Moze often ye turne,
moze peaſe ye out ſpurne.

Yet winnew them in,
er carridge begin.

17 Thy carridge plye,
while weather is dzye.

18 Bid goeving clim,
goue iuſt and trim.

Lay wheat foz ſéede,
to come by at néede.

Séede barly caſt,
to thzeſh at laſt.

19 Lay peaſe vpon ſtack,
if houell ye lack.

And couer it ſtraight,
from doues that waight.

20 Let gleaners gleane,
the pooze I meane.

Which euer ye ſowe,
that firſt eat lowe.

The other forbare,
foz rowen to ſpare.

21 Come home lozd ſinging,
come cart, cozne bzinging.

Be mery in hall,
Let beards wag all.

22 Once had thy deſire,
pay wozkman his hire.

Let none be begilde,
man, woman, noz childe.

23 Thank God ſo ye ſhall,
and adue foz all.

Auguſts huſbandry.

Chap. 43.

THzyfallow once ended, go ſtryke by and by,
both wheat land, and barley, and ſo let it lye:
And as ye haue leyſoz, go compas the ſame,
when vp ye do lay it, moze fertfull to fraume.

2 Get downe with thy bzakes, er an ſhowers do come, Mowing of bzakes
that cattle the better may paſture haue ſome.

In

In June and in Auguſt, as well doth appere,
is beſt to mow brakes, of all times in the yere.

3 Pare ſaffron betwene the two S. Mary dayes,
or ſet or go ſhift it, that knoweſt the wayes.
What yere ſhall I doo it (more profit to yeld:)
the fowerth in garden, the third in the field.

4 In hauing put forty foote, workmanly dight,
take ſaffron enough, for a lord and a knight.
All winter time after, as practiſe doth teache:
what plot haue ye better, for linnen to bleache.

5 Make ſuer of reapers, get harueſt in hand,
the corne that is ripe, do but ſhed as it ſtand.
Be thankfull to God, for his benefits ſent:
and willing to ſaue it, with earneſt entent.

6 To let out thy harueſt, by great or by day,
let this by experience, leade thee away.
By great will deceiue thee, with lingring it out:
by day will diſpatch, and put all out of dout.

7 Grant harueſt lord more, by a peny or two,
to call on his fellowes, the better to do.
Geue glooues to thy reapers, a larges to crye:
and dayly to loyterers, haue a good eye.

8 Reape well, ſcatter not, gather clene that is ſhorne,
bind faſt, ſhock a pace, haue an eye to thy corne.
Lode ſafe cary home, follow time being faire:
gone iuſt, in the barne it is out of diſpaire.

9 Corne

9 Corne tythed (Sir parſon) together go get,
And cauſe it on ſhocks, to be by and by ſet.
Not leauing it ſcattering, abrode on the ground:
nor long in the field, but away with it round.

10 To cart, gap, and barne, ſet a guide to loke weele,
and hoy out (ſir carter) the hog fro the wheele.
Leaſt greedy of feeding, in following cart:
It noyeth or perſheth, ſpight of thy hart.

11 The mowing of Barley, if Barley do ſtand,
Is cheapeſt and beſt, for to rid out of hand. Mowing of Barley
Some mowe it and rake it, and ſets it on cocks:
Some mowe it and binds it, and ſets it on ſhocks.

12 Of Barley the longeſt, and greeneſt ye finde, Binding of Barcley.
Leaue ſtanding by dalops, till time ye do binde.
Then earley in morning (while dew is theron)
to making of bands, till the dew bee all gon.

13 One ſpreadeth thoſe bands, ſo in order to lie,
as barley (in ſwathes,) may fill it thereby.
Which gathered vp, with the rake and the hand,
the follower after them, bindeth in band.

14 Where Barley is raked, (if dealing be true)
the tenth of ſuch raking, to perſon is due.
Where ſcattring of Barley, is ſeene to bee much:
ther cuſtome nor conſcience, tything ſhould grutch.

15 Corne being had downe, (any way ye alow)
Should wither as needeth, for burning in mow.

Such skill apertayneth, to harvest mans art:
And taken in time, is a hvsbandly part.

16 No turning of pease, till carrige ye make,
Nor turne in no more, then ye mind for to take.
Least beaton with showers, so turned to drie:
by turning and tossing, they shed as they lie.

17 If weather be fayre, and tydie thy graine,
Make spedely carrige, for feare of a raine.
For tempest and showers, deceaueth a meny:
And lingering lubbers, loose many a peny.

18 In goeuing at harvest, learne skilfully how,
eche graine for to lay, by it selfe on a mow:
Seede bareley the purest, goue out of the way,
All other nigh hand, goue as iust as ye may.

19 Stack pease vppon houell, abrode in the yard,
to couer it quickly, let owner regard.
Least doue and the cadow, there finding a smack:
with stormie il weather, do perishe thy stacke.

20 Corne carryd, let such as be poore go and gleane,
and after thy cattle, to mowthit vp cleane.
Then spare it for rowen, till Mihel be past:
to lengthen thy dayrie, no better thou hast.

21 In harvest time, harvest folke, seruants and all,
should make all together, good cheere in thy hall,
And fill out the blackboole, of bleith to their song:
and let them be mery all harvest time long.

22 Once ended thy harueſt, let none be begyld,
pleaſe ſuch as did helpe thee, man, woman, and chyld.
Thus doing, with alway, ſuch helpe as they can:
thou winneſt the praiſe, of the laboring man.

23 Now loke vp to Godward, let tong neuer ceaſe,
in thanking of him, for his mightie encreaſe.
Accept my good will, for a proſe go and trie:
the better thou thriueſt, the gladder am I.

A brief concluſion where you may ſee, Each word in the verſe to begin with a T.

Chap. 44.

THE thriftie that teacheth the thriuing to thriue,
Teach timely to trauerſe, the thing that thou triue. triue for contriue.
Tranſferring thy toyling, to timelines tought,
This teacheth thee temprance, to temper thy thought.
Take truſtie (to truſt to) that thinkeſt to thee, thee for thriue.
That truſtely thriftines, trowleth to thee.
Then temper thy trauaile, to tary the tyde,
This teacheth thee thriftines, twentie times tryde.
Take thankefull thy talent, thanke thankfully thoſe,
That thriftely teacheth, thy time to tranſpoſe.
Troth twiſe to thee teached, teach twenty times ten,
This trade thou that takeſt, take thrift to thee then.

Thomas Tuſſer.

¶ Mans age deuided, here ye haue,
By prentiships, from birth to his graue.

Chap. 45.

7 *The first vii. yeres, bring vp as a child.*
14 *The next, to learning, for wexing too wild.*
21 *The next, kepe vnder sir hobber de boye.*
28 *The next, a man, no longer a boye.*
35 *The next, let lustie, lay wisely to wiue.*
42 *The next, lay now or els neuer to thriue.*
49 *The next, make sure for terme of thy life.*
56 *The next, saue somwhat for children and wife.*
63 *The next, be stayed giue ouer thy lust.*
70 *The next, thinke howerly whither thou must.*
77 *The next, get chayer and crotchis to stay.*
84 *The next to heauen, God send vs the way.*

¶ VVho looseth their youth,
Shall rue it in age,
VVho hateth the trueth,
In sorowe shall rage.

An other

An other diuiſion of the nature of mans age.

Chap. 46.

The Ape, the Lyon, the Fox, the Aſſe:
Thus ſets forth man, as in a glaſſe.

Ape, *Like Apes we be toying, till twentie and one.*
Lyon, *Then haſtie as Lyons, till fortie be gone.*
Fox, *Then wily as Foxes, till threeſcore and three.*
Aſſe, *Then after, for Aſſes accompted we bee.*

VVho playes with his better, this leſſon muſt know,
what humblenes Fox to the Lyon doth owe.
For Ape with his toying, and rudenes of Aſſe:
Brings (out of good hower) diſpleaſure to paſſe.

Comparing good husband, with vnthrift his brother,
The better diſcerneth the tone from the tother.

Chap. 47.

ILl huſbandrie braggeth,
To go with the beſt.
Good huſbandrie baggeth:
Up gold in his cheſt.

Ill huſbandrie trudgeth.
with vnthrifts about.

Good husbandry snudgeth,
for feare of a dout.

3 Ill husbandry spendeth,
abrode like a moine,
Good husbandry tendeth,
his chargis at home.

4 Ill husbandry selleth,
his corne on the ground,
Good husbandrie smelleth
no gaine that way found.

5 Ill husbandrie loseth,
for lack of good fence,
Good husbandry closeth,
and gayneth the pence.

6 Ill husbandry trusteth,
To him and to hur,
Good husbandry lusteth,
him selfe for to stur.

7 Ill husbandrie eateth,
him selfe out a doore,
Good husbandry meateth,
his freend and the poore.

8 Ill husbandrie dayeth
or letteth it lie,
Good husbandry payeth
the cheaper to buie.

9 Ill husbandry lurketh,
and stealeth a sleepe,
Good husbandry worketh,
his houshold to keepe.

10 Ill husbandry leueth,
by that and by this,
Good husbandry geueth
to ery man his.

11 Ill husbandry taketh,
and spendeth vp all,
Good husbandry maketh
good shift with a small.

12 Ill husbandry prayeth
his wife to make shift,
Good husbandry sayeth
take this of my gift.

13 Ill husbandry drowseth
at fortune so auke,
Good husbandrie rowseth,
him selfe as a hauke.

14 Ill husbandry lyeth,
in prison for det,
Good husbandrie spieth
where profite to get.

15 Ill husbandry waues
hath, to fraude what he can

Good

Good husbandrie, prayse
hath of euery man.

19 Ill husbandrie neuer
hath wealth to kepe touch:
Good husbandrie euer,
hath penie in pouch.

Good husband his boone
Or requeſt hath a farr:
Ill husband, as ſoone
hath a tode with an R.

A comparison betweene Champion and Seuerall. Chap. 48.

The countrey encloſed I prayſe,
the tother deliteth not me,
For nothing the wealth it doth rayſe,
to ſuch as inferior be.
Becauſe of them both I do know:
I mind therof ſomewhat to ſhow.

2 There, ſwineheard that kepeth ỹ hog
there, neatheard w̄ curre & his horne,
There, ſhepeheard w̄ whiſtle and dog
be fence, to the meadowe and corne.
There, horſe being tayed on a balke,
is readie with thiefe for to walke.

3 Where al thing in common doth reſt
Corne field with the paſture & meade:

Though

Though common ye do for the best,
yet what doth it stand ye in steade.
There commune as communers do:
as good els to cobble a shoo.

4 What layer much better then there:
or cheaper (theron to do well)
What drudgery more any where,
lesse good thereof, where can ye tell:
what gotten by Sommer is seene:
that winter, there eateth vp cleene.

5 Example by Leycester shire,
what soyle can be better then that,
For any thing hart can desire,
and yet doth it want ye see what.
Mast, couert, close pasture, and wood:
and other things nedefull as good.

6 All these doth enclosure bring,
experience teacheth no lesse,
I speake not to boast of the thing,
but onely a troth to confesse.
Example (if doubt ye do make)
by Suffolke and Essex go take.

7 More plentie of Mutton & biefe,
corne, butter, and cheese of the best,
More wealth any where (to be briefe)
more people, more handsome and prest.
Where finde ye: (go search any coste)
than there, where enclosure is moste.

8 More worke for the labouring man,
as well in the towne as the field.
Or therof (deuise if ye can)
more profit, what countreys do yeeld:
More seldome, where see ye the poore
go begging from doore vnto doore.

hampion
ountrey.

9 In Norfolke, behold the dispaire,
of tillage, to much to be borne,
By drouers from faier to faire,
and others destroying the corne.
By custome and couetous pates:
by gapps and by opening of gates.

10 What speake I of commoners bye,
with drawing all after a lyne,
So noying the corne, as it lye,
with cattell, with sheepe & with swine.
when all is bestowed the cost:
looke halfe of the same to be lost.

11 The flocks, of the Lords of the soyle,
do yerely the winter corne wrong,
The same in a manner they spoyle,
with feeding so lowe and so long.
And therefore, that champion field:
doth seldome good winter corne yeeld.

12 More profite is quieter found,
(where pastures in seuerall bee)
Of one silly acre of ground,
Then Champion maketh of three,

Againe.

Againe what a ioye is it knowne:
when men may be bold of their owne.

13 The tone, is commended for graine
yet bread made of beanes they do eate,
The tother, for one loafe haue twaine,
of mastlin, of rye, or of wheate.
The Champion liueth full bare:
when woodland full merry doth fare.

14 Tone, giueth his corne in a darth,
to horse, sheepe, and hog ery day,
The tother, giue cattle warme barth,
and feede them with straw & with hay,
Corne spent of the tone, so in vaine:
the tother, doth sell to his gaine.

15 Tone, barefoote & ragged doth go,
and ready in winter to sterue,
when tother, ye see doth not so,
but hath that is needfull to serue.
Tone, paine in a cottage doth take:
when tother, trim boowers do make.

16 Tone, layeth for turffe & for sedge,
and hath it with wonderfull suite,
when tother, in euery hedge,
hath plentie of fewell and fruite.
Euils twēty times worser then thease
enclosure full quickly would ease.

17 In woodland the poore mē ꝑ haue
scarce fully two acres of land,

More merily liue, and do saue,
than tother, with twentie in hand.
Yet pay they as much for the two,
as thother for twentie must do.

18 The labozer comming from thence,
in woodland to woozke any where,
(I warant you) goeth not hence,
to wozke any moze againe there.
If this same be true (as it is)
why gather they nothing of this?

19 The pooze, at enclosing do grutch
because of abuses that fall,
Least som man shuld haue but to much
and some againe nothing at all.
If order mought therein be fo[illegible]d:
what were to the seuerall groun[illegible].

Thus endeth Husbandrie.

To

To beard thy foe ſhewes little wyt,
but helpes the matter nere a whyt.

My ſonne, it were not woꝛſt,
to frame thy nature ſo:
That as thine vſe is to thy friend,
likewiſe to greete thy foe.
Though not foꝛ hope of good,
yet foꝛ the feare of euill:
Thou maiſt find eaſe, ſo pꝛoffring vp
a candell to the deuill.

This knowne, the ſureſt waye,
thine ennies wꝛath to ſwage.
If thou canſt curry fauour thus,
thou ſhalt be counted ſage.
Of truth I tell no lye,
by pꝛoofe too well I knowe:
The ſtubboꝛne want, of only this,
hath bꝛought full many lowe.

And yet to ſpeake the trouth,
the Deuill is woꝛſe then naught:
That no good turne, will once deſerue,
yet looketh vp ſo haught.
Exalt him how we pleaſe,
and giue him what we can:
Yet ſkarcely ſhall we finde ſuch Deuill
a truſtie honeſt man.

But where the mightie may
of foꝛce the weake conſtraine:

To light a candell

It shall bee wysely doone to bowe,
to boyd a foyther payne.
Like as in tempest great,
where wind doth beare the stroke:
Much safer stands the bowing reede,
then doth the stubborne oke.

And chiefely when of all,
thy selfe art one of those:
That foytune nedes, will haue to dwell
fast by the Deuils nose.
Then (though against thine hart)
thy toung thou must so charme:
that tong may say, where ere thou coume
the Deuill doth no man harme.

For where as no reuenge,
may stand a man in steede:
As good is then an humble speech,
as otherwise to bleede.
Lyke as ye see by him,
that hath a shrew to wife:
As good it is to speake her fayre,
as still to liue in strife.

Put thou no Deuill in boote,
as once did master Shorne:
Take heede as from madde bayted bull
to keepe thee frow his horne.
And where ye see the Deuill,
so bold to wrest with law:
Make congé oft, and crouch a loofe,
but coume not in his clawe.

The

The ſcholer forth of ſchoole,
may boldlier talke his mind:
The fields haue eyes, the bushes eares,
falſe byrds can fetch the wind.
The further from the gonne,
the ſafer may ye ſkippe:
The neerer to the carters hand,
the neerer to the whippe.

The neerer to the whippe,
the ſooner comes the ierke:
The ſooner that poore beaſt is ſtrucke,
the ſooner doth he yerke.
Some loueth for to whippe,
to ſee how ierkes will ſmart:
In woofull taking is that horſe,
that needes muſt drawe in cart.

Such fellow is the Deuill,
that doth euen what he liſt:
Yet thinketh he what ere he doth,
none ought dare ſay, but whiſt.
Take therfore heede my ſonne,
and marke full well this ſong:
Learne thus with craft to claw ỹ deuill
elſe liue in reſt not long.

¶ A Sonet againſt ſlaunderous a tounge.

DOth darnell good, among the flowry wheat:
Do thiſtles good, ſo thick in fallow ſpied:

Do faynt wormes good, that lurk wher ore shuld eate:
Or sucking dranes, in hyue where Bees abyde:
Do hornets goood, or these same byting gnats:
Foule swelling toades, what good by them is seene:
In house well deckt, whot good doth gnawing rats:
Or casting mowlles, among the medowes greene:
Doth heauie newes, make glad the hart of man:
Or noysome smelles, what good doth that to helth:
Now once for all, what good (shew who so can)
Do stinking snakes, to this our common welth:
No more doth good, a peuish slaunderous tong,
But hurts it selfe, and noyes both old and yong.

A Sonet vpon the Authors first vii. yeares seruice.

SEuen times hath Janus, tane new yeare by hand
Vij. times hath blustring March, blowne forth his power:
To driue out Aprils buddes, by sea and land,
For minion May, to deck most trim with flower,
Vij. times hath temperat Aer, like pageant played
And pleasant Aestas, eke her flowers told:
Vij. times Autumnes heat, hath bene delayed,
With hiems boystrous blastes, and bitter cold,
Vij. times the thirtene Moones, haue changed hew,
Vij. times the Sunne, his course hath gone about,
Vij. times ech bird hir nest hath built a new:
Since first time you to serue, I chosed out:
Still yours am I, though thus the time hath past,
And trust to bee, so long as lyfe shall last.

Man

Man, mynded for to thryue,
muſt wiſely lay to wyue,
what hap may thereby fall:
here argued finde ye ſhall.

The Dialogne betweene two batchelers,

of wyuing and thryuing, by Affirmation and Obiection.

Affirmation.

FRend, where we met this other day,
We heard one make his mone and ſay,
Good Lord, how might I thriue?
We heard an other anſwere him,
Then make thee handſome, tryck and trym:
and lay in time to wiue.

Obiection.

And what of that, ſay you to me,
Do you your ſelfe thinke that to be:
The beſt way for to thryue?
If trouth were truely bulted out,
As touching thrift, I ſtand in doubt,
If men were beſt to wiue.

Affirmation.

There is no doubt, for proue I can,
I haue but ſeldome ſeene that man,
Which could the way to thryue:
Untill it was his happy lot,
To ſtay himſelf in ſome good plot:
and wiſely then to wiue.

Obiection.

And I am of an other minde,
For by no reason can I finde,
How that way I should thriue:
For whereas now I spend a penny,
I should not then be quit with meuny,
through bondage for to wiue.

Affirmation.

Not so, for now where thou doest spend
Of this and that, to no good end,
which hinderth thee to thriue:
Such vaine expenses thou shouldst saue,
and daily then lay more to haue,
as others do that wiue.

Obiection.

Why then do folke this prouerbe put,
the black ore neare troade on thy foot:
If that way were to thriue:
Here out a man may soone pike foorth,
Fewe feeleth what a penny is woorth,
till such time as they wiue.

Affirmation.

It may so chaunce as thou doest saye,
This lesson therefore beare away,
If thereby thou wilt thryue:
Looke ere thou leape, see ere thou go,
It may be for thy profit so,
For thee to lay to wiue.

Obie.

Obiection.

It is to much we dayly heare,
To wiue and thziue both in a yere,
as touching now to thziue:
I know not herein what to spie,
But that there doth small pzofit lye,
to fansie foz to wiue.

Affirmation.

In deed the first yeare oft is such,
That fondly some bestoweth much,
All let to them to thziue:
Yet other moe, may soone be found,
which getteth many a faire pound,
the same day that they wiue.

Obiection.

I graunt, some getteth moze that day,
Then they can easely beare away,
Now needs then must they thziue:
what gaineth such thinke you by that?
A little burden you wote what,
thzough fondnes foz to wiue.

Affirmation.

Thou seemest blind, as moe haue been
it is not beautie bzingeth in,
The thing to make thee thziue:
In womankinde, see that ye doo
Require of her, no gift but twoo,
when ere ye minde to wiue.

Obiection.

But twoo say you: I pray you than,
Shewe those as briefly as you can,
if that may helpe to thriue:
I weene we must conclude anon,
Of those same twayne, to want the ton,
when ere we chance to wiue.

Affirmation.

Honestie & huswifry

An honest huswife, trust to mee,
be those saine twayne I say to thee,
That helpe so much to thriue:
As honestie farre passeth gold,
so huswiferie in yong and old,
do pleasure such as wiue.

Obiection.

The honestie in deed I graunt,
Is one good point a wife should haunt,
To make hir husband thriue:
But now, faine would I haue you show,
How should a man good huswife know,
If once he hap to wiue?

Affirmation.

A huswife good betimes will rise,
And order things in comely wise,
her mind is set to thriue:
Upon hir distaffe shee will spin,
And with hir needle she will win,
if such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

It is not idle going about,
nor all day pricking on a clout,
Can make a man to thriue:
Or if there be none other winning,
but that the wife gets by hir spinning,
small thrift it is to wiue.

Affirmation.

Some more then this, yet doo they shall,
Although thy stock be very small,
yet will shee help thee thryue:
Lay you to saue as well as shee,
and then you shall enriched bee.
when such you hap to wiue.

Obiection.

If shee were mine, I tell thy trouth,
To much to trouble hir I were loth,
For greedines to thriue:
Least some should talke, as is the speech,
The good wiues hus bād weares no breech
If such I hap to wiue.

Affirmation.

What hurts it thee, what some do say,
If honestly shee take the way,
To help thee for to thriue?
For honesty will make hir prest,
To do the thing that shall be best,
If such ye hap to wiue.

Obiection.

Why dyd Diogenes say than,
To one that askt of him time whan,
were best to wiue to thriue:
Not yet (quod he) if thou be yong,
If thou were old, then hold thy tong,
It is to late to wiue.

Affirmation.

Belike he knew, some shrewish wife,
which with her husband made such strife,
that hindred him to thriue:
who then may blame him for that clause,
though then he spake as some had cause:
as touching for to wiue.

Obiection.

Why then I see, to take a shrew,
(as seldome other there be few)
Is not the way to thriue:
So hard a thing I spie it is,
The good to chuse, the shrew to misse,
that feareth me to wiue.

Affirmation.

Shee may in some thing seeme a shrew,
yet such a huswife as but few,
to helpe thee for to thriue:
This prouerbe, looke in mind ye keepe,
As good a shrew is, as a sheepe,
for you to take to wiue.

Obiection

Now be shee laimbe or be shee eaw,
Giue me the sheepe, take thou the shreaw,
See which of vs shall thriue:
If shee be shreawish think for trouth,
For all her thrift, I would be loth,
to match with such to wiue.

Affirmation.

Tusshe, farewell then I leaue you of,
Such fooles as you, that loue to scof,
Shall seldome wiue to thriue:
Contrarie her as you do mee,
And then ye shall I warrant ye,
repent ye, if ye wiue.

Obiection.

Friend, let vs both giue iustly place,
To wedded man to iudge this case,
which best way is to thriue:
For both our talke, as seemeth plaine,
Is but as hapneth in our braine,
To will or not to wiue.

Wedded mans iudgement, vppon the former argument.

AS Cock, that wants his mate,
goes rouing all about,
with crowing earely and late,
to find his louer out:

A Mec
ator.

And

And as poore seely hen,
Long wanting Cock to guide,
soone droopes, and shortly then
beginnes to peake aside:
Euen so it is with man and wife,
(where gouernment is sound)
the want of ton, the tothers life,
doth shortly soone confound.

IN iest and in earnest, here argued ye find,
that husband and huswife, in wedlock must dwell,
And therto the iudgement of wedded mans mynd,
that husbandry otherwise spéedeth not well.
So, somewhat more now, I intend for to tell,
of Huswiferie, like as of husbandrie told:
how huswifly huswife, helps bring in the gold.

FINIS.

¶ The points of Huſwifrie, vnited to the comfort of Huſbandrie, newly corrected and amplified with diuers good leſſons for houſholders to recreat the Reader, as by the Table at the end hereof more plainly may appeare.

Set forth by Thomas Tuſſer Gentleman. 1573.

To the Right honorable and my eſpeciall good Lady and Miſtreſſe, the Lady Paget.

THough daũger be mickle,
and fauour ſo fickle,
Yet dutie doth tickle,
my fanſie to wright:
Concerning how prettie,
how fine and how nettie,
Good huſwife ſhould yettie,
from morning to night.

2 Not minded by wrighting,
to kindle a ſpighting,
But ſhew by endighting,
as afterward told.
How huſbandry eaſeth,
ſo huſwiferie pleaſeth,
and many purſe greaſeth,
with ſiluer and gold.

3 For huſbandry wæpeth,
where huſwiferie ſlæpeth,
and hardly hée cræpeth,
vp ladder to thrift.
That wanteth to hold him,
thrifts ladder to hold him,
before it be told him,
he falles without ſhift.

4 Least many should feare me,
and others forswear me,
of troth I do beare me,
vpright as ye see:
full minded to loue all,
and not to reproue all,
but onely to moue all,
good huswifes to be.

5 For if I should mindsome,
or desk ant behindsome,
and missing to findsome,
displease so I mought:
or if I should blendthem,
and so to offend them,
what stir I should sendthem,
I stand in a dout.

6 Though harmles I make it,
and some do well take it,
if others forsake it,
what pleasure were that?
naught else but to paineme,
and nothing to gaineme,
but make them disdaineme,
I wot ner for what.

7 Least some make a triall,
as clock by the diall,
some stand to denial.
some murmure and grudge:
geue iudgement I prayyou,
for iustly so mayyou,
so fanly, so sayyou,
I make you my iudge.

8 In tyme, ye shall try me,
by trouth, ye shall spy me,
so finde, so set by me,
according to skill:
how euer tree groweth,
the fruit, the tree showeth,
your Ladiship knoweth,
my hart and good will.

9 Though fortune doth measure,
and I do lack treasure,
yet if I may pleasure,
your honour with this,:
then will me to mend it,
or mend ere ye send it,
or any where lend it,
if ought be amisse.

Your Ladiships seruant
Thomas Tusser.

The Preface to the booke of *Huſwiferie.*

TAke weapon away, of what force is a man:
take huſwife from huſband, and what is he than:

2 As louers deſireth, together to dwell,
ſo huſbandry loueth, good huſwifry well.

3 Though huſbandry ſeemeth, to bring in the gains,
yet huſwifry labours, ſeeme equall in pains.

4 Some reſpit to huſbands, the wether may ſend,
but huſwifes affaires, haue neuer an end.

As true as thy fayth,
Thus Huſwiferie ſayth.

I *Serue for a day, for a weeke, for a yeare,*
for life time, for euer, while mã dwelleth here.
For richer, for poorer, from North to the ſouth
for honeſt, for hardhed, or daintie of mouth.
For wed, and vnwedded, in ſicknes and health,
for all that well liueth, in good common wealth.
For Citie, for countrey, for Court and for cart,
to quiet the head, and to comfort the hart.

The pra
of huſwi

A deſcription of huſwife and huſwiferie.

OF huſwife, doth huſwiferie challenge that name,
of Huſwifrie, huſwife doth likewiſe the ſame.
Where huſband and huſbandry ioyneth with theaſe
there welthines gotten, is holden with eaſe.

The name of a huſwife, what is it to ſay?
the wife of the houſe, to the huſband a ſtay.
If huſwife doth that, as belongeth to hir:
if huſband be wittie, there needeth no ſtir.

The huſwife is ſhee, that to labour doth fall,
the labour of hir, I doo huſwiferie call.
If thrift by that labour, be ſaued or got:
then is it good huſwiferie, els is it not.

The woman, the name of a huſwife doth win,
by keeping hir houſe, and of doings therein.
And ſhee that with huſband, will quietly dwell:
muſt thinke on this leſſon, and follow it well.

FINIS.

Serue God is the furſt,
True loue is not wurſt.

A Dayly good leſſon, of huſwife in deede,
is God to remember, the better to ſpeede.

2 An other good leſſon, of huſwiferie thought,
is huſwife with huſband, to liue as ſhee ought.

¶ VVife comely no griefe,
Man out, huſwife chiefe.

3 Though trickſy to ſee to, be gallant to wiue,
yet comely and wiſe, is the huſwife to thriue.

4 When huſband is abſent, let huſwife be chiefe,
and looke to their labour that eateth hir briefe.

¶ Both out, not alow,
Keepe houſe huſwife thou.

5 Where huſband and huſwife, be both out of place,
there ſeruants do loyter, and reaſon their caſe.

6 The huſwife ſo named (of keaping the houſe,)
muſt tend on hir profit, as cat on the mouſe.

¶ Seeke home for reſt,
For home is beſt.

7 As huſwiues keepe home, and be ſtirrers about,
ſo ſpeedeth their winnings, the yere throughout.

8 Though home be but homly, yet huſwif is taught,
that home hath no fellow, to ſuch as haue aught.

¶Vſe all with ſkill,
aſke what ye will.

9 Good vſage with knowledge, and quiet with all,
Makes huſwife to ſhine, as the ſun on the wall.

10 What huſband refuſeth, all comely to haue,
that hath a good huſwife, all willing to ſaue.

¶Be readie at need,
all thine to feed.

11 The caſe of good huſwiues, thus dayly doth ſtand,
what euer ſhall chaunce, to be ready at hand.

12 This care hath a huſwife all day in hir head,
that all thing in ſeaſon be huſwifely fed.

¶By practiſe go muſe,
How howſhold to vſe.

13 Dame practiſe is ſhee, that to huſwife muſt tell,
which way for to gouerne, her family well.

14 Vſe labourers gently, keepe this as a lawe,
make childe to be ciuill, keepe ſeruant in awe.

¶VVho careleſſe do leiue,
occaſion do geiue.

15 Haue euery where, a reſpect to thy wayes,
that none of thy life any ſlaunder may rayſe.

16 What many do know, though a time it be hid,
at length will abrode, when a miſchief ſhall bid.

No neighbour reproue,
do ſo to haue loue.

17 The

17 The loue of thy neighbour, shall stand thee in stede,
the poozer, the gladder, to helpe at a nede.

18 Use friendly thy neighbour, else trust him in this,
as he hath thy friendship, so trust vnto his.

¶ Strike nothing vnknowne,
take heede to thine owne.

19 Reuenge not thy wrath vpon any mans beast,
least thine by like malice, be bid to like feast.

20 What husband prouideth, with money his drudge,
the huswife must looke to, which way it doth trudge,

A digression.

NOw out of the matter, this lesson I ad,
concerning cock crowing, what profit is had,
experience teacheth, as true as a clock:
how winter night passeth, by marking the cock.

Cock croweth at midnight, times few aboue six,
with pause to his neighbour, to answere betwixt,
at three a clock thicker, and then as ye know:
like all in to Mattens, nere day they do crow.

At midnight, at three, and an hower ere day,
they vtter their language, as well as they may:
which who so regardeth, what counsell they giue:
will better loue crowing, as long as they liue.

For being frayd,
Take heed good mayd:
Marke crowing of cock,
For feare of a knock.

Cocke crowing.

¶ The first cocke crowing.

nids t. Howe, daine it is midnight, what rumbling is that.

The next Cock ſhoweth.

Take heede to falſe harlots, and moze ye wot what.

If noyſe ye do heare,
looke all things be cleare.
Leaſt drabs do noy thee,
and theeues deſtroy thee.

¶ The first Cock croweth.

thzee a ck. Maydes thzee a clock, kned, lay your bucks, oz go bzew.

The next cock ſhoweth.

And cobble and botch ye, that cannot buy new.

Both mayden and man,
Mend now what ye can.
Leaue gibber gabber,
mend ſlibber ſlabber.

¶ The first cock croweth.

t the eak of the y. Paſt fiue a clocke, holla: mayd ſleeping beware,

The next cock ſhoweth.

Leaſt quickly your miſtreſſe vncouer your bare.

Mayd vp I beſeech you,
leaſt miſtreſſe do breech you.
To worke and away,
as faſt as ye may.

Now

Now liſte good huſwiues, what doings ar here
Set out for a day as it ſhould for a yere.

¶No ſoner ſome vp,
But noſe is in cup.

GEt vp in the mozning, as ſone as thou wilt,
with ouer long ſlugging, good ſeruant is ſpilt.

2 Some ſlouens from ſleeping, no ſooner be vp,
but hand is in aumbzie, and noſe in the cup.

That early is donne,
Count huſwifely wonne.

3 Some wozkes in the mozning, may trimly be donne, Mozning wozkes
that all the day after, can hardly be wonne.

4 Good huſband without, is it nedefull there bee:
good huſwife within, is as nedefull as he.

Caſt duſt into yard,
and ſpin and go card.

5 Sluts cozners auoyded, ſhall further thy helth,
much time about trifles, ſhall hinder thy welth.

6 Set ſome to peele hemp, oz els reſhis to twine,
to ſpin and to card, oz to ſeething of bzine.

Grind malt for drinke,
ſee meate do not ſtinke.

7 Set ſome about cattell, ſome paſture to bewe,
Some, malt to be grinding, againſt ye do bzewe.

8 Some, cozneth, ſome bzineth, ſome wil not be taught
where meate is atainted, there cookery is naught.

To breakefaſt that come,
Giue ery one ſome.

akefaſt 9 Call ſeruants to breakefaſt, by day ſtar appere,
a ſnatch and to worke fellowes, tarry not here.

10 Let huſwife be caruer, ſee pottage be heate,
a meſſe to each one, with a morſell of meate.

No more tittle tattle,
Go ſerue your cattle.

11 What tack in a pudding, ſayes greedy gut wringer,
giue ſuch ye wot what, ere a pudding he ſinger.

12 Let ſeruant once ſerued, thy cattle go ſerue,
leaſt often ill ſeruing, make cattle to ſterue.

Learne you that will thee,
How deyntie ſome bee.

13 No breakefaſt of cuſtome, prouide for to ſaue,
but onely for ſuch as deſerueth to haue.

14 No ſhewing to ſeruant, what bittailes in ſtore,
ſhew ſeruant his labour, and ſhew him no more.

Of hauocke beware,
Cat nothing will ſpare,

15 Where all thing is common, what needeth a hutch
where wanteth a ſauer there hauocke is much.

16 Where windowe is open, cat maketh a fray,
yet wild Cat with two legs, is wurſe by my fay.

Loke

Looke well vnto thine,
Slut ſlothfull muſt whine.

17 An eye in a cozner who vſeth to haue,
reuealeth a drab, and preuenteth a knaue.

18 Make mayd to be clenly, oz make her crie creake,
and teach hir to ſtir, when her miſtreſſe doth ſpeake.

Let holly wand threate,
Let fyſgig be beate.

19 A wand in thy hand, though ye fight not at all,
make youth to their buſineſſe, better to fall.

20 Foz feare of foole had I wiſt, cauſe thee to wayle,
Let fyſgig be tought, to ſhut dooze after tayle.

To eaſy the wicket,
will ſtill appeaſe clicket.

21 With hir that will clicket, make daunger to cope,
leaſt quickley her wicket ſeeme eaſy to ope.

22 As rod little mendeth, where maners be ſpilt,
ſo naught will be naught, ſay & do what thou wilt.

Fight ſeldome ye ſhall,
But vſe no: to brall.

23 Much brauling with ſeruant, what man can abide,
pay home when thou fighteſt, but loue not to chide.

24 As ozder is heauenly, where quiet is had,
ſo erroz is hell, oz a miſchiefe as bad.

VVhat better a lawe,
then ſubiect in awe.

25 Such awe as a warning, will cauſe to beware,
doth make the whole houſhold, the better to fare.

26 The leſſe of thy counſell, thy ſeruants do know,
their dutie the better, ſuch ſeruants ſhall ſhow.

Good muſicke regard,
good ſeruant reward.

27 Such ſeruants are oftenest, painefull and good,
that ſing in their labour, as birds in the wood.

28 Good ſeruants hope iuſtly, ſome frendſhip to feele,
and loke to haue fauour, what time they do weele.

By once or twiſe,
tis time to be wiſe.

29 Take runnagate Robin, to pitie his neede,
and looke to be filched, as true as thy Creede.

30 Take warning by once, that a wurſe do not hap,
foreſight is the ſtopper of many a gap.

Some change for a ſhift,
oft change ſmall thrift.

31 Make few of thy counſell, to change for the beſt,
leaſt one that is trudging, infecteth the reſt.

32 The ſtone that is rouling, can gather no Moſſe,
for maſter and ſeruant, oft chaunging is loſſe.

Both

Both liberall ſticketh,
Some, prouender pricketh.

33 One Dog for a hog, and one Cat for a Mouſe,
one readie to giue, is ynough in a houſe.

34 One gift ill accepted, kepe next in thy purſe,
whom prouender pricketh, are often the wurſe.

Brew ſomewhat for thine,
els kepe no ſwine.

35 Where brewing is nedefull, be brewer thy ſelfe, Brewing
what filleth the roofe, will helpe furniſh the ſhelfe.

36 In buying of drinke by the firkin or pot,
ſcore quickly ariſeth, hog profiteth not.

VVell brewed, worth coſt,
Ill vſed, halfe loſt.

37 One buſhell well brewed, out laſteth ſome twayne,
two troubles for nothing, is coſt to no gayne.

38 Too new is no profite, too ſtale is as bad,
drinke dead or els ſower, makes labourer ſad.

Remember good Gyll,
Take paine with thy ſwyll.

39 Seeth grains in more water, while grains be yet hot Seething of graynes.
and ſtir them in copper, as porridge in pot.

40 ſuch heating with ſtraw, to haue offal good ſtore,
both pleaſeth and eaſeth, what would ye haue more.

New bread is a dreuill,
Much cruſt is as euill.

aking. 41 New bread is a waſter, but mouldy is wurſe,
what dog catcheth that way, that loſeth the purſe.

42 Much dowebake I prayſe not, much cruſt is as ill,
the meane is the huſwife, ſay nay if ye will.

Good cookery craueth,
Good turne broch ſaueth.

ookery. 43 Good cooke to dreſſe dinner, to bake and to brew,
deſerues a reward, being honeſt and true.

44 Good diligent turne broche, and truſty with all,
is ſometime as nedefull, as ſome in the hall.

Good dayrie, doth pleaſure,
Ill dayrie ſpends treaſure.

ayrie. 45 Good huſwife in dayrie, that needes not be tolde,
deſerueth her fee, to be payd her in golde.

46 Ill ſeruant neglecting, what huſwiferie ſayes,
deſerueth her fee, to be payd her in bayes.

Though droy be worth much,
Marke ſluts and ſuch.

47 Good droy to ſerue hog, to helpe waſh and to milke,
more nedefull is truly, then ſome in their ſilke.

48 Though homely be miller, let clenly be cooke,
for ſlut and a ſlouen, be knowne by their looke.

In

In dayrie no Cat,
Lay bane for a Rat.

49 Though Cat (a good mouſer) doth well in a houſe,
yet euer in dayry, haue trap for a mouſe.

50 Take hede how thou layeſt, the bane for the rats,
for poyſoning ſeruant, thy ſelfe and thy brats.

No ſcouring for pride.
ſpare kettle whole ſide.

51 Though ſcouring be nedefull, yet ſcouring to much, Scouring.
is pride without profite, and rubbeth thine huch.

52 Kepe kettles from knocks, & ſet tubs out of Sunne,
for mending is coſtly, and crackt is ſoone dunne.

Take heede when ye waſh,
els runne in the laſh.

53 Mayds wash well & wring wel, but beat ye wot how Waſhing.
if any lacke beating, I feare it be you.

54 In waſhing by hand, haue an eye to thy boll,
for Launders and Millers, be quick of their toll.

Drie ſunne drie wind,
ſafe bind, ſafe find.

55 Go waſh well ſaith ſoumner, with Sunne I ſhal dry
go wring well ſaith winter, with wind ſo ſhall I.

56 To truſt without hede, is to venter a ioynt,
giue tale and take count, is a huſwifely poynt.

VVhere many be packing,
are many things lacking.

57 When hennes fall a cackling, take heede to their neſt
when drabbes fall a whiſpring, take heede to the reſt.

58 Through negligēt huſwiues ar many thigs lacking
and Gyllet ſuſpected, will quickly be packing.

Ill malting is theft,
wood dried hath a weft.

alting. 59 Houſe may be ſo handſome, and ſkilfulneſſe ſuch,
to make thy owne malt, it ſhall profite thee much.

60 Some drieth with ſtraw, & ſome drieth with wood,
wood aſketh more charge, and yet nothing ſo good.

Take heede to the kell,
Sing out as a bell.

61 Be ſure no chances, to fier can drawe,
the wood or the furzen, the brake or the ſtrawe.

62 Let Gyllet be ſinging, it doth very well,
to keepe her from ſleeping and burning the kell.

Beſt dride, beſt ſpeedes,
ill kept, bowd breedes.

63 Malt being well ſpeered, the more it will caſt,
malt being well dryed, the longer will laſt.

64 Long kept in ill ſoller (vndouted thou ſhalt,)
through bowds without nũber, loſe quickly thy malt.

For

For hunger or thirſt,
dreſſe cattell well firſt.

65 By Noone ſee your dinner be ready and neat, Dinner time.
let meat tary ſeruant, not ſeruant his meat.

66 Plough cattell a bayting, call ſeruant to dinner.
the thicker, ſo much be the charges the thinner.

Togither is beſt,
For hoſtis and geſt.

67 Dew ſeaſon is beſt, altogither is gay,
diſpatch hath no fellow, make ſhort and away.

68 Beware of Gyll laggoſe, diſordring thy houſe,
moe dainties who catcheth, than craftie fed mouſe.

Let ſuch haue ynough,
that follow the plough.

69 Giue ſeruant no dainties, but giue him ynough,
too many chappes walking, do begger the plough.

70 Poore ſeggons halfe ſterued, worke faintly and dull,
and lubbers do loyter their bellies to full.

Giue neuer too much,
to lazie and ſuch.

71 Feede lazie, that threſheth a flap and a tap,
like ſlouthfull, that all day be ſtopping a gap.

72 Some litherly lubber, more eateth then two,
yet leaueth vndone, that a ſtraunger will doe.

VVhere nothing will laſt,
ſpare ſuch as thou haſt.

73 Some cutteth thy linnen, some ſpilleth their broth,
bare table to some, doth as well as a cloth.

74 Treene diſhes be homely, and yet not to lack,
where stone is no laſter, take tankard and iack.

Knap boy on the thumbes,
And ſaue him his crumbes.

75 That pewter is neuer for manerly feaſt,
that dayly doth ſerue an vnmanerly beaſt.

76 Some gnaweth & leaueth, som cruſts & som crumbs
eat ſuch there own leuings or gnaw their own thumbs

Serue God euer furſt,
take nothing at wurſt,

77 At Dinner, at Supper, at morning, at night,
giue thankes vnto God for his gifts in thy ſight.

78 Good huſband and huſwife will ſomtime alone,
make ſhift with a morſell, and picke of a bone.

Enough thou art told,
to much will not hold.

79 Three diſhes well dreſſed, and welcome withall,
doth pleaſeth thy friend, and becommeth thine hall.

80 Enough is a plenty, too much is a pride,
the plough with ill holding, goes quickly aſyde.

Make

Make company breake,
go cherish the weake.

81 When Dinner is ended, set seruants to worke, After noone
and follow such marchants, as loueth to lurke. workes.

82 To seruant in sickness see nothing ye grutch,
a thing of a trifle shall comfort him much.

VVho many doo feede,
saue much they had neede.

83 Put chippings in dippings, vse parings to saue,
fat Capons or chickins, that lookest to haue.

84 Saue drippings and skimmings, how euer ye doo,
for medcine, for cattle, for cart, and for shoo.

Leane Capon vnmeete,
deare fed is vnsweete.

85 Such ofcorne as commeth, giue wife to her fee,
feed willingly such, as do helpe to feede thee.

86 Though fat fed is daintie, of this I thee warne,
be cunning in fatting, for robbing thy barne.

Peece hole to defend,
things timely amend.

87 Good seinesters be sowing of fine prettie knacks,
good huswiues be mending and peecing their sacks.

88 Though making and mending be huswifly wayes,
yet mending in time is the huswife to praise.

Buy new as is meete,
Marke blanket and sheete.

89 Though Ladies may rend and buy new ery day,
Good huſwiues muſt mend, & buy new as they may.

90 Call quarterly ſeruaunts, to court and to leete,
wzite euery Couerlet, Blanket and ſheete.

Shift ſlouenly elſe,
Be gayler thy ſelfe.

91 Though ſhifting to oft, be a thiefe in an houſe,
yet ſhift ſlut and ſlouen, foz feare of a louſe.

92 Graunt doubtfull no key of his chamber in purſe,
leaſt chamber dooze lockt, be to thiefery a nurſe.

Saue feathers for geſt,
Theſe other rob cheſt.

93 Saue wing foz a thzeſher, whē Gander doth die,
ſaue feather of all thing, the ſofter to lye:

94 Much ſpice is a thiefe, ſo is candle and fyer.
ſwete ſauſe is as craftie, as euer was fryer.

VVife make thine owne candle.
Spare peny to handle.

andle aking. 95 Pzouide foz thy tallow, ere froſt commeth in,
and make thine owne Candle, ere winter begin.

96 If peny foz all thing, be ſuffred to trudge,
truſt long not to peny, to haue him thy dzudge.

Time

Time drawing to night,
See all thing go right.

97 when hennes go to rooſt, go in hãd to dreſſe meat
ſerue hogs and to milking, and ſome to ſerue neat.

98 Where twaine be inough, be not ſerued with three
more knaues in a company, worſer they bee.

Make lacky to trudge,
Make ſeruant thy drudge.

99 For euery trifle leaue iauncing thy Nag,
but rather make lacky, of Jack boy thy wag.

100 Make ſeruaunt at night, lug in wood or a log,
let none come in empty, but ſlut and thy dog.

Falſe knaue readie preſt,
All ſafe is the beſt.

101 Where pullein vſe nightly, to pearch in the yard,
there two legged Foxes, keepe watches and ward.

102 See cattle well serued, without and within,
and all thing at quiet, ere ſupper begin.

Take heed it is nedefull,
True pitie is meedfull.

103 No clothes in gardein, nõ trinkets without.
No doore leaue vnboulted for feare of a doubt.

104 Thou woman whom pitie becommeth the beſt,
graunt all that hath laboured, time to take reſt.

Vse mirth and good woord,
at bed and at boord.

105 Prouide for thy husband to make him good chere,
make mery together while time ye be here.

106 At bed and at bord, how soeuer befall.
what euer God sendeth, be mery withall.

No brawling make,
no iealousie take

107 No tauntes before seruants, for hindring thy faine,
no iarring too loud, for auoyding of shame.

108 As franzy and herisie roueth together,
So iealousie leadeth a foole ye wot whether.

Tend such as ye haue,
stop talkatiue knaue.

109 Young children and chickins would euer be eating.
good seruants looke duely for gentle entreating.

110 No seruant at table vse sawsly to talke,
least toung set at large, out of measure do walke.

No snatching at all,
Sirs harken now all.

111 No lurching, no snatching, no stryuing at all,
least one go without, and another haue all.

112 Declare after Supper, take heede thereunto,
what worke in the morning, ech seruant shall do.

Thy

Thy ſoule hath a clog,
forget not thy dog.

113 Remember thoſe children whoſe parents be poore,
which hunger, yet dare not to craue at thy doore.

114 Thy bandog that ſerueth for diuers miſhaps,
forget not to giue him thy bones and thy ſcraps.

Make keyes to be keepers,
to bed ye ſleepers.

115 Wher mouthes be many to ſpend that thou haſt,
ſet keyes to be keepers for ſpending to faſt.

116 To bed after ſupper, let drouſie go ſleepe,
leaſt knaue in the darke, to his marrow do creepe.

Keepe keyes as thy life,
feare candle good wife.

117 Such keyes lay vp ſafe, ere ye take ye to reſt,
of dayrie, of buttrie, of cupboord an cheſt.

118 Feare candle in hay loft, in Barne and in Shed,
feare flea ſmocke, and mendbreech, for burning their bed

See doore lockt faſt,
two keyes make waſt.

119 A doore without lock is a baight for a knaue,
a lock without key, is a foole that will haue.

120 One key to two locks, if it breake is a griefe,
two keyes to one locke in the end is a thiefe.

Night

Night workes trouble head,
Lock doores and to bead.

120 The day willeth done what ſo euer ye bid,
the night is a thiefe, if ye take not good hid.

121 Waſh diſhes, lay leauens, ſaue fyer and away,
lock doores and to bed, a good huſwife will ſay.

To bed know thy guiſe,
To ryſe do likewiſe.

122 In winter at nine, and in ſommer at ten,
to bed after Supper, both maydens and men,

123 In winter at fiue a clock, ſeruaunt ariſe,
in Sommer at fower is euer the guiſe.

Loue ſo as ye may,
Liue many a day.

Be lowely not ſoollen, if aught go amiſſe,
what wreſting may looſe thee, that win with a kiſſe:
Both beare and forbeare, now and then as ye may,
then wenche God a mercy, thy huſband will ſay.

The plowmans feaſting dayes.

¶ This would not be ſlept,
Old guiſe muſt be kept.

GOod huſwiues whom God hath enriched enough
forget not the feaſts that belong to the plough:
The meaning is onely to ioy and be glad,
for comfort with labour, is fit to be had.

Plough Monday,

2 Plough munday, next after ỹ Twelftide is past,
bids out wt the plough, the wurst husband is last.
If ploughman get hatchet, or whip to the skreene
maydes loseth their Cocke, if no water be seene.

Shroftide.

3 At shroftide to shrouing, go thresh the fat Henne
if blindfilde can kill hir, then giue it thy men.
Maides fritters & pancakes, ynough see ye make,
let slut haue one pancake, for company sake.

Sheepe shearing.

4 Wife make vs a dinner, spare flesh neither corne,
make wafers & cakes, for our sheepe must be shorne
at shepe shearing neighbors, none other thing craue,
but goodcheere and welcome, like neighbors to haue.

The wake day.

5 Fil ouen with Flawns, Ginney passe not for sleepe,
to morowe thy father, his wake day will kepe.
Then euery wanton, may daunce at hir will,
both Tomkin with Tomlin, & Jankin with Gill.

Haruest home.

6 For all this good feasting, yet art thou not loose
til ploughmã thou giuest, his haruest home goose.
Though goose go in stubble, I passe not for that,
let goose haue a goose, be she leane be she fat.

Seede cake.

7 Wife sometime this weeke, if the weather hold clere,
an end of wheat sowing, we make for this yere.
Remember you therfore, though I do it not:
the seede Cake, the Pasties, and Furmenty pot.

Twise a weeke rost.

8 Good Ploughmen loke weekely, of custome and right
for rostmeat on Sundayes, & Thursdayes at night.
Thus doing and keeping, such custome and guise:
they call thee good huswife, they loue thee likewise.

The good Huswifely
Phisicke.

GOod huswiues prouide, ere an sicknes do come,
of sundrie good things, in hir house to haue some.
Good Aqua composita, Viniger tart,
Rose water and treacle, to comfort the hart.
Cold herbes in hir garden, for Agues that burne,
that ouer strong heate, to good temper may turne.
White Endiue and Suckrye, with Spinage ynough,
all such with good pot herbes, should follow the plough.
Get water of Fumetory, Liuer to coole,
and others the like, or els go like a foole.
Conserue of the Barbery, Quinces and such,
with Sirops that easeth, the sickly so much.
Ask Medicus counsell, ere medcine ye make,
and honour that man, for necessities sake.
Though thousands hate phisick, because of the cost,
yet thousands it helpeth, that els should be lost.

Good

Good broth and good keping, do much now and than,
good diet with wiſedome, beſt comforteth man.
In health to be ſturring ſhall profite thee beſt,
In ſickneſs hate trouble, ſeeke quiet and reſt.
Remember thy ſoule, let no fanſy prevayle,
Make readie to Godward, let faith neuer quayle.
The ſooner thy ſelfe, thou ſubmitteſt to God,
the ſooner he ceaſeth, to ſcourge with his rod.

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The good Motherly Nurſery.

Good huſwiues take paine, and do count it good lucke,
to make there owne breſt, their owne child to giue ſuck.
Though wrauling and rocking, be noyſome ſo nere,
yet loſt by ill nurſling, is worſer to here.
But one thing I warne thee, let huſwife be nurſe,
leaſt huſband doth find thee, to franke with his purſe.
What hilback and fill belly, maketh away,
that helpe to make good, or els loke for a fray.
Giue child that is fitly, giue baby the big,
giue hardnes to youth, and giue roperipe a twig.
We find it not ſpoken, ſo often for naught,
that chyldren were better, vnborne than vntaught.
Some cockneis with coking, are made very fooles,
fit neither for prentiſe, for plough nor for ſchooles.
Teach child to aſk bleſſing, ſerue God and to Church,
then bleſſe as a Mother: els bleſſe him with birch.
Thou huſwife thus doing, what further ſhall bede,
but all men to call thee, good mother in dede.

Thinke on the poore.

REmember the poore, that for Gods sake do call,
for God both rewardeth, and blesseth with all.
Take this in good part, whatsoeuer thou bee,
and wish me no wurse, then I wish vnto thee.

A comparison betweene good Huswiferie and euill.

COmparing together, good Huswife and bad,
The knowledge of either, the better is had.

ILL huswiferie lyeth,
till nine of the clocke,
Good huswifery tryeth,
to rise with the Cocke.

2 Ill huswiferie tooteth,
to make hir selfe braue,
Good huswifery looketh,
what houshold must haue.

3 Ill huswifery trusteth,
to him and to hir,
Good huswifery lusteth,
hir selfe for to stir.

4 Ill huswiferie careth,
for this nor for that,
Good huswiferie spareth,
for feare ye wot what.

5 Ill huſwifery pricketh,
her ſelfe vp in pride,
Good huſwiferie tricketh,
hir houſe as a bride.

6 Ill huſwiferie othing,
or other muſt craue,
Good huſwifery nothing,
but nedefull will haue.

7 Ill huſwifecie moueth,
with goſſep to ſpend,
Good huſwiferie loueth,
hir houſhold to tend.

8 Ill huſwiferie wanteth,
with ſpending too faſt,
Good huſwiferie ſcanteth,
the lenger to laſt.

9 Ill huſwifery eaſeth,
hir ſelfe with vnknowne,
Good huſwifery pleaſeth,
hir ſelfe with hir owne.

10 Ill huſwifery brooketh,
mad toyes in hir hed,
Good huſwifery looketh,
that all thing be fed.

11 Ill huſwiferie bringeth,
a ſchilling to naught,
God huſwiferie ſingeth,
hir cofers full fraught.

12 Ill huſwifery rendeth,
and caſteth aſyde,
Good huſwifery mendeth,
els would it go wide.

13 Ill huſwifery ſweepeth,
hir linnen to gage,
Good huſwifery keepeth,
to ſerue hir in age.

14 Ill huſwifery craueth,
in ſecret to borow,
Good huſwifery ſaueth,
to day for to morow.

15 Ill huſwiferie pineth,
(not hauing to eate)
Good huſwifery dineth,
with plentie of meate.

16 Ill huſwifery letteth,
the deuill take all,
Good huſwifery ſetteth,
good brag of a ſmall.

17 Good huſwife good fame hath,
of beſt in the towne,
Ill huſwife ill name hath,
of euery Clowne.

Thus endeth the booke of Huſwiferie.

For men a perfect warning,
What child shall come by learning.

ALL you that faine would learne, the perfect way,
to haue your child, in musicke some thing seene:
Aske Nature first, what therto she doth say,
ere further lute, ye make, to such a Queene.
For doubtlesse(Grossum caput) is not hee,
of whom the learned Muses, seene will bee.

Once tried that nature, trim hath done her part,
and Lady Musicke, farre in loue withall:
Be wise who first, doth teach thy child that art,
least homely breaker, marre fine ambling Ball.
Not rod in mad braines hand, is that can helpe,
But gentle skill, doth make the proper whelpe.

Where choyse is hard, count good for well a fine,
skill mixt with will, is he that teacheth best,
Let this suffise for teaching child of thine:
chuse quickly well, for all the lingring rest.
Mistaught at first, how seldome proueth well:
trim taught(O God)how shortly doth excell.

Although as ships, must tary wind and tide,
and perfect howers, abide their stinted time,
So likewise, though of learning(dayly tride)
space must be had, ere witte may thereto clime:
Yet easy steps, and perfect way to trust,
doth cause good speede, confesse of force we must.

Thus

Thus in the child, though wit ynough we finde,
and teacher good, neare hand, or other where:
And time as apt, as may be thought with minde,
nor cause, in such thing, much to doubt or feare:
Yet coking Mãnes, & shifting Dads frõ scholes,
makes prægnãt wittes, to proue vnlearned fooles.

Ere learning come, to haue first art thou taught,
apt learning child, apt time that thing to frame,
Apt cunning man to teach, else all is naught,
apt parents glad to bring to passe the same.
On such apt ground, the Muses loue to build,
this lesson learne: adew else learned child.

The deſcription of womans age by vi. times xiiij. yeares prentiſhip, With a leſſon to the ſame.

14 Two firſt vii. yeares, for a rod they do vhine,

28 Two next, as a Perle, in the world they do shine,

42 Two next, trim beautie beginneth to ſwerue,

56 Two next, for matrons, or drudgeis they ſerue,

70 Two next doth craue, a ſtaffe for a ſtay:

84 Two next, a beere to fetch them away.

A leſſon

Then purchas ſome pelfe,
by fyfty and three:
Or buckle thy ſelfe,
a drudge for to bee.

Certaine table leſſons.

FRiend, eateles and drinkles, and buy thee a knife,
elſe looke for a caruar, not alway to rife,
Some kniueles, their daggers for brauery weare,
that often for ſurfeting need not to feare.

2 At dinner and ſupper the table doth craue,
good fellowly neighbour, good maner to haue,
aduiſe thee well therfore, ere long be to free,
or ſlapſauce be noted, to ſaucy to bee.

3 If any thing wanteth or seemeth amisse,
to call for or shew it, good manner it is:
But busie saut fiender, and saucy withall,
is roister like ruffen, no manner at all.

4 Some cuttith the napkin, some trencher will nick,
Some sheweth like folly in many a trick:
Let apishly body, so toying at meat,
goe toy with his nody, with ape in the streat.

5 Some commeth vnsent for, not for thy good cheare,
but bent as a spyall, to listen and heare:
which being once knowne, for a knaue let him go,
for knaue wilbe knauish, his nature is so.

Table lessons for Wayting seruaunts.

ONe diligent seruiture, skilfull to waight,
more comelith thy table, then other sowe eight,
That stand for to listen, or gasing about:
not minding their dutie, within nor without.

2 Such wayter is fauty, that standeth so bye,
vnmindfull of seruice, forgetting his eye.
If maister to such giue a bone for to gnaw:
he doth but his office, to teach such a daw.

3 Such seruiture also, deserueth a check,
that runneth out fil king, with meat in his beck.
Such rauening puttocks, for vittels so trim:
would haue a good maister, to puttock with him.

4 Who

4 Who dayly can ſuffer, or elſe can afoord,
his meat ſo vp ſnatched, that commes from his boord.
So toeſed with carnarants, here and there ſome:
and others to want it, that orderly come.

5 Good ſeruiture wayeth, (once dinner begonne)
what aſketh attendance, and what to be donne.
So purchaſing maiſter, a praiſe with the beſt:
gets prayſe to himſelfe, both of maiſter and geſt.

Huſbandly poſies for the hall.

FRiend here I dwell, and here I haue a little worldly pelfe,
which on my friend I kéepe to ſpend, as well as on my ſelf.

2 What euer fare you hap to finde, take welcome for the beſt,
that hauing then, diſdaine thou not, for wanting of the reſt.

3 Backbyting talck, that flattering blabs, know wily how to blége,
the wiſe doth note, the friend doth hate, the enmie wil reuenge.

4 The wiſe will ſpend, or giue or lend, yet kéepe to haue in ſtore,
if fooles may haue, from hand to mouth, they pas vpon no more.

5 Wher eaſe is ſought, at length we ſée, ther plenty wareth ſcant,
who careleſſe liue, go borow muſt, or elſe full often want.

6 The world doth think, the welthy man, is he that leaſt ſhal néed
but true it is, the godly man is hée that beſt ſhall ſpéed.

Poſies for the Parler.

AS hatred is the ſerpents noyſome rod,
ſo friendſhip, is the louing gift of God.

Posies for the Parler.

1 The dronken friend, is friendship very euill,
the frantike friend, is friendship for the Deuill.

3 The quiet friend, all one in woord and déed,
great comfort is, like ready golde at néed.

4 With brauling fooles, that wrall for euery wrong,
firme friendship, neuer can continue long.

5 In time that man, shall seldome friendship misse,
that wayeth what thing, touch kept in friendship is.

6 Oft times a friend, is got with easy cost,
which vsed euill, is oft as quickly lost.

7 Hast thou a friend, as hart may wish at will,
then vse him so, to haue his friendship still.

8 Wouldst haue a friend? wouldst know what friend is best?
haue God thy friend, who passeth all the rest.

Posies for the gests Chamber.

THe slouen and the careless man, the roynish nothing nice,
to lodge in chamber comly deckt, are seldome suffred twyse.

2 With curtein some make scaberd clene, with couerlet their sho
all dirt and mire, some wallow bed, as spanels vse to do.

3 though bootes & spurs be nere so foule, what passeth some theron
what place they foile what thing they teare, by tumbling ther vpon

4 Foule male some cast on faier borde, be carpet nere so cleene.
what maners careless master hath, by knaue his man is seene.

5 Some make the chimney chamber pot, to smel like filthy sinck,
yet who so bold, so sone to say, fough how these howses stinck.

6 They

6 They therfore such, as make no force, what clẽly thing they spill,
must haue a kabben like themselues, although against their will.

7 But gentlemen, wil gently do where gentlenesse is shewd,
obseruing this, with loue abide, or else hence all beshrewd.

Posies for thine owne bed Chamber.

WHat wisdom more, what better life, than pleaseth god to send?
what worldly goods, what lõger vse, than pleaseth god to lend?

2 What better fare then wel content, what mirth to godly welth,
what better guest then trusty friend, in sicknes and in health?

3 What better bed, then quiet rest, to passe the night with slepe?
what better work, then dayly care, fro sin thy self to kepe?

4 What better thought then think on god, and daily him to serue?
what better gift, than to the pore that ready be to sterue?

5 What greater prayse of God and man, than hatred to forsake,
what mercyless, shal mercy get, that mercy none will take?

6 What worse dispaire, than loth to die, for feare to go to hell,
what greater faith, than trust in God, through Christ in heauen to dwell?

A Sonet.

A Sonet to the Lady Paget.

SOme pleasures take,
and cannot geue,
but onely make,
poore thanks their shift:
Some meaning well,
in det do leue,
and cannot tell,
how else to shift.

Some knock and faine,
would ope the doore,
to learne the vaine,
good turne to praise:
Some shew good face,
and be but poore,
yet haue a grace,
good fame to raise.

Some owe and geue,
yet still in det,
and so must leiue,
for ought I know:
Some wish to pay,
and cannot get,
but night and day,
still more must owe.
Euen so must I, for pleasures past,
still wish you good, while life doth last

The

of Religion.

1 TO pray to God continually,
1 To learne to know him rightfully,
2
3 To honor God in Trinitie,
The Trinitie in vnitie,
The Father in his Maiestie,
The Sonne in his humanitie,
The holy Ghosts benignitie,
three persons, one in Deitie,
4 To serue him alway holily,
5 To aske him all thing needfully,
6 To prayse him alway woorthely,
7 To loue him alway stedfastly,
8 To dread him alway fearefully,
9 To aske him mercy hartely,
10 To trust him alway faithfully,
11 To obey him alway willingly,
12 To abide him alway paciently,
13 To thank him alway thankfully,
14 To liue here alway vertuously,
15 To vse thy neighbour honestly,
16 To looke for death still presently,
17 To helpe the poore in misery,
18 To hope for heauens felicity,
19 To haue faith, hope, and charitie,
20 To count this life but vanitie:
bee points of Christianitie.

The Authors beliefe.

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THis is my stedfast Créde, my faith and all my truft,
That in the heauens ther is a God, most mighty, mild and iuft:
A God aboue all gods, a king aboue all kings,
The lord of lordes, chief gouernour, of heauen and earthly things.

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2 That power hath of life, of death, of heauen and hell,
That all thing made (as pleaseth him) so wonderfull to tell:
That made the hanging Skies, so deckt with diuers lights,
Of darknes made the cherefull dayes, and all our restfull nights.

earth.

3 That clad this earth with herbe, with trées of sundry fruits,
with beast, with bird, both wild and tame, of strange & sundry suits
That intermixt the same, with mynes (like veines of Dre)
of siluer, gold, of precious stones, & treasures many more.

4 That ioyned brookes to Dales, to hils fresh water springs,
with Riuers swéete, along the Meades, to profit many things:
That made the hoary Frostes, the flaky snowes so trim,
The hony deaws, the blustring windes, to serue as pleaseth him.

Seas

5 That made the surging seas, in course to ebbe and flowe,
That skilfull man, with sayling ship, mought trauell to and fro:
And stored so the same, for mannes vnthankfull sake,
that euery nation vnder heauen, mought thereby profit take.

6 That gaue to man a soule, with reason how to liue,
That doth to him, and all thing else, his blessing daily giue:
That is not séene, yet séeth, how man doth run his race,
whose daily works, both good and bad, stand known before his face.

7 That sendeth thundring claps, like terrors out of hell,
That man may know, a God ther is that in ỹ heauens doth dwel:
That sendeth threatning plagues, to kéepe our liues in awe,
His benefites if we forget, or do contempne his law.

18 That

8 That dayly hateth sinne, that loueth vertue well,
And is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israell.
That doth displeasure take, when we his lawes offend,
And yet amids his heauie wrath, his mercy doth extend.

9 This is that Lord of hostes, the father of vs all,
The maker of what ere was made, my God on whom I call. Christ the
Which for the loue of man, sent downe his only sonne, sonne.
Begot of him before the worldes, where any whit begonne.

10 This, entred Maries womb, as faith affirmeth sure, Christes
Conceyued by the holy ghost, borne of that virgin pure. birth.
This, was both God and man, of Iewes the hoped king, Christ g
And lined here, saue only sinne, like man in euery thing. and man.

11 This, is that virgins child, that same most holy Priest, Christ o
the lamb of God, the Prophet great, whom scripture calleth christ. Messias.
This, that Messias was, of whom the prophet spake,
that should tread down the serpents head, & our attonemēt make.

12 This, Iudas did betray, to false dissembling Iewes, Christes
Which vnto Pilate being Iudge, did falsly him accuse. passion.
Who (through that wicked Iudge) and of those Iewes despight,
Condemned and tormented was, with all the force they might.

13 To liuing wight more euill, what could such wretches do?
more pearcing wounds, more bitter pains, thā they did put him to:
They crowned him with thorne, that was the king of kings,
that sought to saue the soule of man, aboue all worldly things.

14 This, was the Paschall lamb, whose loue for vs so stode, Christes
that on the mout of Caluerine, did shed for vs his bloud. death.
Where hanging on the crosse, no shame he did forsake,
till death giuen him by pearcing speare, an end of life did make.

15 This, Ioseph seing dead, the body thence did craue, Christes
and take it forthwith from the crosse, and layd it in his graue. burial.

s descen-
on.

Downe thence he went to hell, in vsing there his will,
His soule I meane, his slayned corps, in Tombe remayning stil.

s resur-
ction.

16 From death to life againe, the third day this did rise,
And seene on earth to his elect, times oft in sundry wise.

ps ascen-
on.

And after into heauen, ascend he did in sight,
And sitteth on the right hand there, of God the father of might.

17 Where for vs wretches all, his father he doth pray,
to haue respect vnto his death, and put our sinnes away.

Christ shal
e our iudg

From thence with sounded trump, which noyse al flesh shal dread,
he shall returne with glory againe, to iudge the quick and dead.

18 Then shall that voyce be heard, come come ye good to me,
hence hence to hel you workers euill, where paine shal euer be.
This is that louing Christ, whom I my Sauiour call,
and onely put my trust in him, and in none else at all.

God the
oly ghost.

19 In God the holy Ghost, I firmely do beleue,
Which from the father & the sonne proceding, life doth giue.
Which by the Prophets spake, which doth all comfort send,
which I do trust, shal be my guide, when this my life shall end.

he Catho-
ke church

20 A holy catholike Church, on earth I graunt there is,
& those which frame, their liues by that, shall neuer spede amisse.
The head wherof is Christ, his word the chiefest post:
preseruer of this Temple great, is God the holy Ghost.

he cõmu-
ion of
Saincts.

21 I do not doubt there is, a multitude of Saints,
more good is done, resembling thē, then shewing thē our plaints.
Their faith and workes in Christ, that glory them did giue:
which glory we shall likewise haue, if likewise we do liue.

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f sinnes.

22 At God of heauen there is, forgiuenes of our sinnes,
through Christes death, through faith in it, & through none other (ginnes.
If we repentant here, his mercy dayly craue,
through stedfast hope & fayth in Christ, forgiuenes we shall haue.

23 I hope

23 I hope and truſt vppon, the ryſing of the fleſh, Mans reſurrection.
this coꝛpes of mine (that firſt muſt die) ſhall riſe againe a freſh.
The body and ſoule euen then, in one ſhall ioyned be:
as Chꝛiſt did riſe, frō death to life, euē ſo thꝛough Chꝛiſt ſhall we.

24 As Chꝛiſt is glozified, and neuer mozе ſhall die, Life euerlaſting.
As Chꝛiſt aſcended is to heauen, thꝛough Chꝛiſt euen ſo ſhall I.
As Chꝛiſt I count my head, and I a member of his,
So God I truſt, foꝛ Chꝛiſtes ſake, ſhall ſettle me in bliſſe.

THus hoꝛe we learne of God, that there be perſons thꝛée,
the Father, Sonne, the holy Ghoſt, one God in trinitie.
In ſubſtance all like one, one God, one Loꝛd, one might,
whoſe perſons yet we do deuide, and ſo we may by right.

As God the father is, the maker of vs all,
So God the Sonne redéemer is, to whom foꝛ helpe we call,
And God the holy Ghoſt, the ſoule of man doth winne,
By mouing hir to waile foꝛ grace aſhamed of hir ſinne.

This is that God of Gods, whom euery ſoule ſhould loue,
whō al mēs harts, ſhuld quake foꝛ fear, his wꝛath on thē to moue
That this ſame mightie God, aboue all other chiefe:
Shall ſaue my ſoule, from dolefull Hel, is all my whole beliefe.

Of the omnipotencie of God,

and debilitie of man.

O God thou glorious God, what God is like to thée?
what like, what strength, is like to thyne, as al ỹ world may sée
Thy heauens, thine earth, thy seas, and all thy works therin,
do shew (to whō thou woldest to know) what thou hast euer béene.

2 But all the thoughts of man, are bent to wretched euill,
Man doth commit Idolatry, bewitched of the Deuill.
What euill is left vndone, where man may haue his will:
Man euer was an hipocrite, and euer wilbe still.

3 What dayly watch is made, the soule of man to slea,
By Lucifer, by Belzabub, Mammon, and Asmode,
In diuelish pryde, in wrath, in coueting too much,
In fleshly lust the time is spent, the life of man is such.

4 The ioy that man here hath, is as a sparke of fier,
His acts be like, the smolding smoke, himselfe like dirt & mier:
His strength euen as a Rède, his age much like the flower,
His breath or life is but a puffe, vncertein euery hower.

5 But for the holy ghost, and for his gifts of grace,
The death of Christ, thy mercy great, man were in woful case.
O graunt vs therfore Lord, to amend that is amisse,
and when from heyce we do depart, to rest with thée in blisse.

Eleemosina prodest homini in vita, in
morte, & post mortem.

FOr onely loue to God, more christian like to liue,
and for a zeale, to helpe the poore, thine almes dayly gaue.
Let gift no glorie loke, nor euill possesse thy mind:
and for a troth, these profits thée, through almes shalt thou find.

First,

1 Firſt, here the holy Ghoſt, ſhall dayly through his grace,
Prouoke thée to repentant life, Gods mercy to embrace.

2 Of goods and friends (by death) when thou thy leaue muſt take,
thyne almes déedes, ſhall claſp thy ſoule, and neuer it forſake.

3 When God ſhall after death, call ſone for thyne account,
thine almes thē (through faith in Chriſt) ſhal al things els ſurmount
But yet for any déede, put thou no truſt therin,
But put thy truſt in God (through Chriſt) to pardon thée thy ſin.
For els as cackling Henne, with noyſe bewrayes hir neſt,
Euen ſo go thou and blaze thy déedes, and loſe thou all the reſt.

Malus homo.

Of naughty man I read, two ſundry things are ment,
the tone is man, the tother naught which ought him to repent.
The man we ought to loue, becauſe of much therein,
The euill in him, we ought to hate euen as a filthy ſin.
So doth thy dayly ſinnes, thy heauenly Lord offend:
But when thou doſt repent the ſame, his wrath is at an end.

Of twoo ſortes of men, the one good,
and tother bad.

¶ Since firſt the world began, there was and ſhalbe ſtill,
Of humaine kind, two ſundry ſorts, thone good, and thother ill.
Which till the Iudgment day, ſhall here together dwell,
But then the good ſhall vp to heauen, the bad ſhall downe to hell.

Diabolo cùm reſiſtitur, eſt vt formica: Cùm vero eius ſug-
geſtio recipitur, fortis eſt vt Leo.

¶ When Sathan we reſiſt, a Pyſmier ſhall he bée,
But when we ſéeme, to giue him place, a Lyon then is hée.

CVR mundus militat, ſub vana gloria,
Cuius proſperitas eſt tranſitoria?
Tam cito labitur eius potentia,
Quam vaſa figuli, quæ ſunt fragilia.

2 Plus crede litteris, ſcriptis in glacie,
Quam mundi fragilis, vanę fallacię.
Fallax in premiis, virtutis ſpecie,
Quæ nunquam habuit tempus fidutiæ.

3 Magis credendum eſt viris fallacibus,
Quam mundi miſeris proſperitatibus,
Falſis inſaniis & voluptatibus,
Falſis quoque ſtudijs & vanitatibus.

4 Dic vbi Salomon, olim tam nobilis?
Vel vbi Sampſon eſt, dux inuincibilis?
Vel dulcis Ionathas, multum amabilis?
Vel pulcher Abſolon, vultu mirabilis?

5 Quo Cęſar abijt, celſus imperio,
Vel diues ſplendidus, totus in prandio?
Dic vbi Tullius, clarus eloquio,
Vel Ariſtoteles, ſummus ingenio?

6 O eſca vermium, ô maſſa pulueris,
O ros, ô vanitas, cur ſic extolleris?
Ignoras penitus vtrum cras vixeris,
Fac bonum omnibus, quam diu poteris.

7 Quam breue feſtum eſt, hęc mundi gloria?
Vt vmbra hominum, ſic eius gaudia.
Quæ ſemper ſubtrahit æterna premia,
Et ducunt hominem, ad dura deuia.

8 Hæc mundi gloria, quę magni penditur,
Sacris in literis, flos fæni dicitur.
Vt leue folium, quod vento rapitur,
Sic vita hominum, hac vita tollitur.

FINIS.

Eight of Saint Barnardes verses, translated out of Latin into English by this Author, for one kind of note to serue both ditties.

WHy so triumphes the woꝛld in pomp and gloꝛy vaine,
Whose state so happie thought, vnsteady doth remaine,
Whose powꝛer slippery stands, and doth so soone decay:
As doth the potters pan, compact of bꝛytle clay.

2 Moꝛe credite sée thou giue, to letters wꝛote in yse,
Then vnto vaine deceipts, of bꝛittle woꝛldes deuise.
In giftes to vertue due, beguiling many one,
Yet those same neuer haue, long time to hope vpon.

3 To false dissembling men, moꝛe trust is to be had,
Then to the pꝛosperous state, of wꝛetched woꝛld so bad.
What with voluptuousnes, and other maddish toyes,
False studies wonne with paine, false vanities and ioyes.

4 Tell where is *Salomon*, that once so noble was,
Oꝛ where now *Sampson* is, in strength whom none could passe:
Oꝛ woꝛthy *Ionathas*, that pꝛince so louely bold:
Oꝛ fayer *Absolon*, so goodly to behold.

5 Shew whither is *Cæsar* gone, which conquerd farre and nére,
Oꝛ that ꝛich famous *Carle*, so giuen to belly chéere.

Shew

Shew where is *Tullie* now, for eloquence so fitte,
Or *Aristoteles*, of such a pregnant witte?

6 O thou fit bait for wormes, O thou great heape of dust,
O dew, O vanitie, why so extolst thy lust.
Thou therfore ignorant, what time thou hast to line,
Do good to ery man, while here thou hast to giue.

7 How short a feast (to compt) is this same worlds renowne,
Such as mens shadowes be, such ioyes it brings to towne.
Which alwayes plucketh vs, from Gods eternall blisse,
And leadeth man to hell, a iust reward for his.

8 The brauery of this world, esteemed here so much,
In scripture likened is, to flower of grasse and such.
Like as the leafe so light, which wind abrode doth blowe,
So doth this worldly life, the life of man bestowe.

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The deſcription of an enuious
and naughty neghbour.

AN enuious neighbour is eaſy to finde,
His comberſome tetches, are ſeldome behinde.
His hatred procureth from naughty to wurſe
His friendſhip, like Judas, that carried the purſe.
His head as a ſtorehouſe, with quarels full fraught,
His braine, is vnquiet, till all come to naught.
His memory preignant, old euils to recite,
His mind euer fired, each euill to requite.
His mouth full of venim, his lips out of frame,
His tounge a falſe witneſſe, his friend to defame.
His eyes be promoters, ſome treſpas to ſpye,
His eyes be as ſpyals, a larum to crye.
His hands be as tyrants, reuenging each thing,
His feete at thine elbow, as ſerpent to ſting.
His breſt full of rancor, like Coprus to freat,
His hart like a Lion, his neighbour to eat.
His gate like a ſheepebyter, flearing aſide,
His loke like a corcomb, vp puffed with pride.
His face made of braſſe, like a vice in a game,
His ieſture like Manus, whom Terence doth name.
His brag as Therſites, with elbowes abrode,
His chækes in his fury ſhall ſwell like a Tode.
His couler like aſhes, his cap in his eyes,
His noſe in the ayer, his ſnout in the ſkies.
His promiſe to truſt to, as ſlipper as Iſe,
His credit much like, to the chance of the Dyce.
His knowledge or ſkill, is in prating to much,
His company ſhonned, and ſo be all ſuch.
His friendſhip is counterfet, ſeldome to truſt,
His doings vnlucky, and euer vniuſt.
His fetch is to flatter, to get what he can,
His purpoſe once gotten, a pynne for thee than.

Fortuna non est semper amica,
Superbiam igitur semper diuita.

THough Fortune smiles, and fawnes vpon thy side,
Thy selfe extoll for that no whit the more,
Though Fortune frownes, and wresteth al thing wide:
Let fansy stay, kéepe courage still in store:
For chance may change, as chance hath done before:
Thus shalt thou holde, more safe thyne honour got,
Or lose the lesse, though Fortune will or not.

Thy friend at this, shall dayly comfort haue,
When warely thus, thou beare't thy selfe vpright,
Thy foes at this, shall gladly friendship craue,
When hope so small is left, to wrecke their spight,
For lowly life withstandeth enuy quight.
As floeting Ship, by bearing sayle alow:
Withstandeth stormes, when boistrous winds do blow.

Thyne vsage thus, in time shall win the gole,
Though doubtfull haps, dame Fortune sendes betwéene:
And thou shalt sée, thine ennemies blow the cole,
To ease thine hart, much more then thou dost wéene:
Yea though a change, most strangely should be séene,
Yet friend at néede, shall secret friendship make,
When foe in déede, shall want, his part to take.

Of thauthors departing from Court to the countrie.

MVse not my friend, to finde me here,
Contented with this poore estate,
And seeme to dw, with willing chéere,
That courtier doth, so deadly hate:
For fortunes looke,
Hath changed hew,
And I my booke,
Must learne a new.

2 And yet of force, to learne a new,
Would much abash, ỹ dulled braine.
I craue to iudge, if this be true,
the truant child, that knowth ỹ paine,
But where a spight,
Of force must bée,
What is that wight,
May disagrée.

No, no, God wot, to disagrée,
Is ventring all to make or marre,
If fortune frowne, we dayly sée,
It is not best, to striue to farre:
For lordly bent,
Must learne to spare,
And be content,
With country fare.

4 Frõ daintie court, to country fare
To daintie fed, is diet strange,
From Cities ioy, to country care,
to skilles folke, is homely change.

Departing from the Court.

Where need yet can,
none other skill,
somtime poore man
must breake his will.

5 If courtly change, so breaketh will,
that countrey life, must serue the turne,
what profit then, in striuing still,
against the prick to séeme to spurne.
If court with cart,
must be content:
what ease to hart,
though mind repent.

6 What gaine I, though I do repent
my crotches al, are broke and gone,
My wonted friends, are careles bent,
they feare no chance, I chance vpon.
As néed doth make
old age to trot,
So must I take,
in worth my lot.

7 Now, if I take in worth my lot,
that fatall chance doth force me to,
If ye be friends, embraid me not,
but vse a friend, as friends should do.
Behold the horse
must trudge for pelfe:
And yet of force
content it selfe.

NOw gentle friend, if thou be kiende,
Disdaine thou not although the lot,
will now with me, no better be,
then doth appeare:
Nor let it greeue, that thus I liue,
But rather gesse, for quietnes,
As others do, so do I to,
Content me here.

2 By leaue & loue, of God aboue,
I mind to sheaw, in versis feaw,
how through ỹ brears, my youthful yeres
haue ronne their race:
And further say, why thus I stay,
and minde to leiue, as Bee in heiue,
Full bent to spend, my life to an end,
in this same place.

3 It came to pas, that borne I was,
Of linnage good, of gentle blood,
In Esser layer, in village fayer,
that Riuenhall hight:
Which village lide, by bancktre side,
There spend did I, myne infancy,
There then my name, in honest fame,
remaind in sight.

4 I, yet but yong, no speeche of tonge,
Nor teares withall, that often fall,
Fro mothers eyes, whē childe out cryes
to part her fro:
Could pitie make, good father take,
But out I must, to longe be thrust,
Say what I would, do what I could,
his mynd was so.

Borne Riuen in Esse

set to sc schoole.

5 O painefull time, for euery crime,
What toſſed cares, like bayted beares,
What bobbed lippes, what ierkes, what nips,
what helliſh toyes:
What robes how bare, what colledge fare,
What bread how ſtale, what penny ale,
Then Wallingford, how wart thou aboard,
of ſélly boyes.

6 Then for my boyce, I muſt (no choyce)
Away of force, like poeſting horſe,
For ſundry men, had plagards then,
ſuch child to take:
The better breſt, the leſſer reſt,
To ſerue the Quére, now there now héere,
For time ſo ſpent, I may repent,
and ſorrow make.

7 But marke the chance, my ſelfe to vance,
By friendſhips lot, to Powles I got,
So found I grace, a certaine ſpace,
ſtill to remaine:
With Redford there, the like no where,
For cunning ſuch, and vertue much,
By whom ſome part, of Muſicke art,
ſo did I gaine.

8 From Powles I went, to Aeton ſent,
To learne ſtraight wayes, the Latine phraiſe,
Where fiftie thrée ſtripes giuen to mée,
at once I had:
For faut but ſmall, or none at all,
It came to paſſe, thus beat I was,
Sée Udall ſée, the mercy of thée,
to mée poore lad.

To London hence, to cambridge thence,
With thankes to thée, O Trinitee,
That to thy hall, so passing all,
I got at last:
There ioy I felt, there trim I dwelt,
There heauen from hell, I chiefted well,
With learned men, a number then,
the time I past.

Trinitie hall in Cambridge.

10 Long sickenes had, then was I glad,
To leaue my booke, to proue and looke,
In Court what gaine, by taking payne,
mought well be found:
Lord Paget than, that noble man,
Whose soule I trust, is with the iust,
That same was hée enriched mée,
with many a pound.

Lord Paget good his seruā

11 While this betyed, good parents dyed,
One after one, till both were gone,
Whose petygrée, who lyst may sée,
In Harolds booke:
Whose soules in blisse, be longer this,
For hope we must, as God is iust,
So here that craue, shall mercy haue,
That mercy looke.

The hope we haue the dead.

12 By Court I spyed, and ten-yeares tryed,
That Cardes and Dyce, with Venus vyce,
And péeuish pride, from vertue wyde,
With some so wraught:
That Tyburne playe, made them away,
Or beggers state, as euill to hate,
By such like euils, I saw such dreuils,
To come to naught.

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13 Yet is it not, to be forgot,
In Court that some, to worship come,
And some in time, to honour clime,
and spede full well:
Some haue such gift, that trim they shift,
Some profite make, by paines thee take,
In perill much, though oft are such,
In Court that dwell.

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14 When Court gan frown, & strife in town,
And lordes & knights, sawe heauy sights,
Then toke I wife, and led my life,
In Suffolke soyle:
There was I fayne, my selfe to trayne,
To learne to long, the fermours song,
For hope of pelfe, like worldly elfe,
to moyle and toyle.

15 As in this booke, who lyst to looke,
Of hus bandry, and hus wifery
There may he find, more of my mind.
Concerning this:
To carpe and care, and euer bare,
with losse and payne, to little gayne,
All this to haue, to cram sir knaue,
what life it is.

16 When wife could not, through sicknes got
more toyle abide, so nigh Sea side,
Then thought I best, from toyle to rest,
And Ipswich trye:
A towne of pryce, like paradyse,
For quiet then, and honest men,
There was I glad, much friendship had,
a time to lye.

17 There

17 There left good wife, this present life,
And there left I, house charges lye,
For glad was he, mought send for me,
God lucke so stode:
In Suffolke there, were euery where,
Euen of the best, besides the rest,
That neuer did, their frendship hid,
to do me good.

18 O Suffolke thou, content thée now,
That hadst the prayse, in those same dayes,
For Squyers & Knights, that well delights,
Good house to kéepe:
For Norfolke wyles, so full of guyles,
Haue caught my toe, by wyuing so,
That out to thée, I sée for mée,
No way to créepe.

19 For lo, through guyle, what haps the while
Through Uenus toyes, in hope of ioyes,
I chanced sone, to find a moone,
of chéerefull hew:
Which well a fyne, me thought did shyne,
Did neuer chaunge, (a thing most straunge)
Yet kept in sight, hir course a right,
and compasse trew.

Maistres Amy Woons.

20 Behold of trueth, with wife in youth,
For ioy at large, what dayly charge,
Through childrens hap, what opened gap,
to more begonne:
The child at nurse, to rob the purse,
The same to wed, to trouble hed,
For pleasure rare, such endlesse care,
Hath hus band wonne.

The charges following a yong wife.

West Dyr-ram Abbey

21 Then did I dwell, in Dyram fell,
A place for wod, that trimly stod,
With flesh and fish, as hart would wish,
But when I spide:
That Lord with Lord, could not accord,
But now pound he, and now pound we,
Then left I all, because such brall,
I list not bide.

Sir Richard Southwell

22 O Southwell what, meanst thou by that,
Thou worthy wight, thou famous Knight,
So me to craue, and to thy graue,
Go by and by:
O death thou foe, why didst thou so,
Ungently treat, that Jewell great,
Which kept his dore, to rich and pore,
So bounteously.

23 There thus bestad, when leaue I had,
By death of him, to sinke or swim,
And Rauens I sawe, together drawe,
In such a sort:
Then wayes I sought, by wisedome tought,
To beare low sayle, least stock should quayle,
Till ship mought find, with prosperous wind,
Some safer port.

Norwich Citie.

24 At length by vew, to shore I drew,
Discharging straight, both ship and fraught,
At Norwich fyne, for me and myne,
a Citie trim:
Where straungers well: may seeme to dwell,
That pytch and pay, or keepe their day,
But who that want, shall find it scant,
So good for him.

25 But

25 But Salisbery how, were kept by vow,
If praise from thée, were kept by mée,
Thou gentle deane, my onely meane,
there then to liue:
Though churles such some, to craue can come,
And pray once got, regard thée not,
Yet liue or die, so will not I,
example giue.

Master Salisbury deane of Norwich.

26 When learned men, could there nor then
Deuise to aswage, the stony rage,
Nor yet the furie, of my disparie,
that long I had:
From Norwich ayer, in great dispayer,
Away to flie, or els to die,
To seeke more health, to séeke more welth,
then was I glad.

27 From thence so sent, away I went,
With sicknes worne, as one forlorne,
To house my hed, at Fayersted,
where whiles I dwelt:
The tything life, the tything strife,
Through tything ill, of Jack and Gyll,
The dayly payes, the myery wayes,
to long I felt.

Fayersted personage in Esser.

28 When charges grew, still new and new,
And that I spied, if person died,
(All hope in vaine,) to hope for gaine,
I might go daunce:
Once rid my hand, of personage land,
Thence by and by, away went I,
To London straight, to hope and waight,
for better chaunce.

London cõmended.

29 Well London wel, that bearst the bell,
Of prayse about, England throughout,
And dost in dede, to such as nede,
Much kindnes shew:
Who that with thee can hardly agree,
Nor can well praise, thy frendly wayes,
Shall frendship find, to please his mind,
In places few.

30 As for such mates, as learning hates,
Or he or they, as go so gey,
That needes he must, take all of trust.
For him and his:
Though such for wo, by Lothbery go,
For being spide, about Cheapeside,
Least Mercers bookes, for mony lookes,
Small matter it is.

Alesson for yonger brothers.

31 Thus frends be me, perceyue may ye,
That gentrie stands, not all by lands,
Nor all so left, or plentie left,
By Parent.
But now and then, of gentlemen,
The younger sonne, is driuen to ronne,
And glad to seeke, from creeke to creeke,
to come by thrift.

32 And more by this, to conster is,
In world is set ynough to get,
But where and whan, that scarcely can
the wisest tell:
By learning some, to richest come,
By ship and plough, some get enough,
And some so wine, that trim they thriue,
and spede full well.

33 To

33 To this before, ad one thing more,
Youth hardnes tought, with knowledge wrought,
Most apt do proue, so shift and shoue,
among the best:
Where coeking Dads, make sawsie lads,
In youth so rage, to beg in age,
Or els to fetch, a Tyburne stretch,
among the rest.

Hardnes in youth not the worst.

Coking of youth not the best.

34 Not rampish toye, of gyzle and boys,
Nor garment trim, of her or him,
In childhode spent, to fond entent,
God end doth frame:
If marke we shall, the summe of all,
The end it is, that noted is,
Which if it bide, with vertue tride,
deserueth fame.

Not pryde in youth but welth in age needfull.

35 When all is donne, learne this my sonne,
Not friend nor skill, nor wit at will,
Nor ship nor clod but onely God,
doth all in all:
Man taketh paine, God giueth gaine,
Man doth his best, God doth the rest,
Man well entends, God foyzen sends,
Els want hée shall.

Man doth labor & god doth blesse.

36 Some séeke for wealth, I séeke my health,
Some séeke to please, I séeke myne ease,
Some séeke to saue, I séeke to haue,
to liue vpright:
More then to ryde, with pompe and pride,
Or for to iet, in others det,
Such is my skill, and shalbe still,
for any wight,

37 To

37 To fond were I, here thus to lye,
Vnles that wealth, mought furder health,
and profit some, should thereby come,
to helpe withall:
This causeth mée, well pleased bée,
such drift to make, such life to take,
Enforsing mind, remorse to finde,
as nœde, nœde shall.

38 Friend (all thing wayed, that here is sayed,
and being got, that payes the shot)
We thinke of right, haue leaue I might,
death drawing nere:
To séeke some wayes, my God to prayse,
and mercy craue, in time to haue,
and for the rest, what hée thinks best,
to suffer here.

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